



WHA Hails Signing of Health Care Data Modernization Act

**Governor signs bipartisan bill at WHA event
before over 1000 hospital and health system supporters;
Act will help support population and community health needs assessments**

Madison (March 30, 2016) ----- The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) applauds Governor Scott Walker for signing into law the bipartisan Health Care Data Modernization Act today at WHA’s 2016 Advocacy Day in Madison with more than 1,000 hospital supporters in attendance.

The Act will improve data tools used by health care providers to assess population and community health care needs, target scarce health care resources within Wisconsin communities and help streamline Wisconsin’s hospital and ambulatory surgery center data collection program.

“The hospital and ambulatory surgery center information collected and analyzed by the WHA Information Center has served as a resource to public policymakers, public health officials, health care providers and health care consumers for more than a decade,” said WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding. “This Act will help ensure the WHA Information Center can provide more timely and precise data to health care providers as they develop innovative strategies to improve population health in Wisconsin.”

Borgerding acknowledged the commitment of the bill’s bipartisan lead authors, which included Sens. Howard Marklein and Jon Erpenbach and Reps. Dale Kooyenga, Daniel Riemer, and Joe Sanfelippo. Marklein, Kooyenga and Riemer participated in the bill signing ceremony.

The bipartisan Health Care Data Modernization Act was unanimously approved by the Assembly and Senate in February and had 39 co-sponsors.

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