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Walker Celebrates Wisconsin's High-Quality Health Care in State of the State

Attribute this statement to WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding

“Wisconsin’s health care delivery system is among the best in the nation, a fact Governor Walker noted while highlighting Wisconsin’s key strengths in his State of the State address. As noted by the Governor, ‘Health care systems in our state are ranked in the top three in the country....There is plenty to celebrate in Wisconsin.’

WHA continues to appreciate the Governor’s recognition of Wisconsin hospitals and health systems and the role they play in strengthening our economy. He has repeatedly recognized high-quality health care as being as important to Wisconsin’s future economic success as good roads, reliable utilities and high-quality education.

As the Governor also noted in his remarks, Wisconsin has achieved some of the highest insured rates in the country. This has been achieved through our hybrid Wisconsin approach of expanding Medicaid to those in poverty and connecting others with subsidized coverage on the Obamacare exchange.

Wisconsin’s enviable record of access to high-quality care underscores how much we have achieved and how much we have at stake in the coming months as the nation debates the repeal and replacement of Obamacare. Decisions made in Washington will impact us here, and can be shaped by us here. The Governor and the Legislature will play a key role in this critical discussion, and WHA and our members are committed to working with them to protect and sustain all that has been accomplished.”