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**Statement by the Wisconsin Hospital Association on Passage of
Permanent “Doctor Fix”**

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MADISON (April 15, 2015) --- The Wisconsin Hospital Association appreciates the tireless work by Congress over the past few years to once and for all repeal Medicare’s Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR). We, along with many others, agree that the SGR is fundamentally broken and must be repealed. The replacement package, H.R. 2, passed by the Congress this week closes the door on a long, painful policy for health care providers and for Congress. WHA is pleased the issue has been put to rest once and for all.

As a leading state in the health care value movement, WHA has long supported the repeal of SGR and replacing it with a model that rewards high quality, high value care. The package also includes important extensions to programs like the Children’s Health Insurance Program, Medicare Dependent Hospital program and the low-volume hospital adjustment, which are important to Wisconsin.

Over the years, Wisconsin hospitals have absorbed millions in cuts to pay for previous “patches” to the SGR formula. While the hospital focused funding offsets specific to H.R. 2 are not ideal, in the context of a truly permanent solution to the SGR, WHA believes the package as a whole fulfills a hard-fought effort to achieve a very important, long-term goal.

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