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## **WHA Applauds Governor Walker, Lawmakers Following Enactment of Health Care Stability Reinsurance Legislation**

**MADISON (February 27, 2018)** - Wisconsin Hospital Association President/CEO Eric Borgerding released this statement following Gov. Scott Walker signing Senate Bill 770 into law during bill signing ceremonies today at Tomah Memorial Hospital and HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay:

“WHA not only watched, but vigorously engaged with our federal elected officials over the past year as debate about the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act ebbed and flowed in Washington, D.C. Along with a diverse coalition of Wisconsin business and health care organizations, WHA called on Congress to act as the individual market became more unstable. We were disappointed when nothing was done to address these concerns.

WHA believes everyone should have access to high-quality, affordable health insurance, but it is clear that we cannot rely on solutions from the nation's capital. We must take action at the state level to mitigate premium increases and ensure choice and affordability in the individual market. We applaud Governor Walker's leadership in developing, and the Legislature's bipartisan support in passing, SB 770, which creates a reinsurance program aimed at sustaining coverage expansion in Wisconsin—a key priority for WHA in Madison and in Washington, D.C.”

*Senate Bill 770 was signed into law by Governor Scott Walker as Wisconsin Act 138.*