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Novak Votes to Protect Those with Preexisting Conditions

Madison – Rep. Todd Novak (Dodgeville) voted in favor of a bill that protects those with preexisting conditions by prohibiting insurers from charging higher premiums. As long as the individual maintains continuous coverage, they cannot be charged more or lose their coverage due to a life-changing diagnosis.

“We have an obligation to protect individuals who, through no fault of their own, have been burdened with a preexisting condition,” said Novak. “The current plan put forth by Republicans in Congress allows insurance companies to add a 30% charge for individuals without continuous coverage. I’m glad that we were able to eliminate this potentially devastating penalty for citizens of Wisconsin.”

The legislation also lays the foundation for an additional proposal from the Commissioner of Insurance on a way to expand choices and create more affordable options for those who are unable to maintain continuous coverage.

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