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WHA Praises Governor's Enactment of Physician Compact Update

WHA Priority Signed Into Law; Promotes Easier Licensing Process

The Wisconsin Hospital Association praised today's action by Governor Tony Evers in signing Senate Bill 74 into law this afternoon. The update to the law ensures that Wisconsin will continue to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), which allows physicians to apply for multiple state medical licenses without having to resubmit the same basic application information each time. The bill was passed unanimously in both houses of the state legislature.

"The compact has proven to be a useful option that can make Wisconsin's medical licensing process more efficient, so we thank Governor Evers and the entire state legislature for supporting the new law," Borgerding said. "We're grateful to see so much bipartisan support in a priority area for WHA: easing the administrative burden for health care professionals."

Borgerding noted that WHA continues to hear about some license applications enduring long processing delays, which means delays in physicians being able to treat patients in Wisconsin. "We need to ensure that administrative processes don't interfere with access to patient care," Borgerding said.

Today's bill signing is the final step for a bill enjoying broad bipartisan support – SB 74 had more than 60 cosponsors from both houses and enjoyed unanimous votes in all committee actions and floor votes.

Borgerding thanked Reps. Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) and Deb Kolste (D-Janesville) and Sens. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) and Patty Schachtner (D-Somerset) for authoring SB 74.