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Felzkowski Bill to Increase Health Care Access Signed into Law

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Madison- A bill authored by Rep. Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma) to increase access to health care was signed by the Governor last week after passing both legislative houses with strong bi-partisan support.

The bill will encourage health care professionals like doctors, dentists, and nurse practitioners, to serve in rural areas by making them eligible for loan assistance if they serve in a free and charitable clinic. Clinics like these serve as safety-net health care organizations that rely on volunteers and staff to deliver a range of medical, dental, pharmacy, vision, and behavioral health services to underinsured and uninsured individuals. Currently, almost 100 clinics statewide serve over 150,000 patients each year.

Dennis Skrajewski, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (WAFCC) said, “the need for health care providers is critical in rural and underserved areas of Wisconsin and this new law helps free and charitable clinics recruit providers to serve the uninsured and underinsured in these areas.” Skrajewski continued, “we truly appreciate the leadership of Representative Felzkowski in helping us get this legislation passed.”

Rep. Mary Felzkowski, a member on the Assembly Health Committee, said this is just one of several bills she is pursuing this session that will help Wisconsinites receive the health care so many lack. “This legislation will encourage the professionals we need to live and work in our rural and urban areas all over the state where patients need them most. I will continue to work as hard as I can to get more bills that accomplish this goal signed into law this session, including my bill to allow for dental therapy licensure.”

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Representative Felzkowski represents the 35th Assembly District which includes portions of Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.