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Rep. Kulp's Bipartisan Cancer Clinical Trials Bill Signed Into Law

New law gives patients equal access to cancer clinical trials

Madison, WI – Today, legislation authored by State Representative Bob Kulp (R-Stratford) was signed into law by Governor Evers. Currently, only a small fraction of patients willing to participate in a cancer clinical trial actually enroll due to financial barriers that make participation impossible. SB 489 will address the financial barriers and enable increased participation in cancer clinical trials by allowing patient reimbursement of expenses associated with their participation in a trial.

“Cancer clinical trials can help cancer patients, but studies have shown that many don’t participate simply because they can’t afford to be part of the trial,” said Rep. Kulp. “The new law will help address economic challenges by allowing cancer clinical trial patients to be reimbursed for parking and other out of pocket travel related expenses.”

Specifically, SB 489 clarifies that providing reimbursement to patients is not considered inducement or coercive to participate in a cancer clinical trial, and that organizations and others may offer financial support to cancer patients to cover ancillary costs through their support of a reimbursement entity or program.

“Limiting income disparities is important for ensuring enrollment and equitable access to cancer clinical trials,” said Rep. Kulp. “The new law will make it easier and affordable for cancer patients to participate in clinical trials that can potentially help improve their quality of life and chance of survival.”

The legislation received bipartisan support in both houses of the legislature, and it was supported by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the Medical College of Wisconsin, the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, UW Health, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Marshfield Clinic Health Care System, the Wisconsin Medical Society, the Wisconsin Nurses Association, GlaxoSmithKline Inc. and the Lazarex Cancer Foundation.

“I am very thankful to the legislature and Governor Evers for recognizing the importance of the bill which will help Wisconsinites who are battling cancer,” said Rep. Kulp.

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