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WHA APPLAUDS JFC'S PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION OF MEDICAID FUNDING FOR HOSPITALS

Madison, Wis., June 16, 2021—Wisconsin Hospital Association President and CEO Eric Borgerding issued the following statement in response to the Joint Finance Committee's vote to permanently reauthorize Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding for hospitals.

"Hospitals are the very core of our state's high-quality health care system. They are always there, always on the front line, for their communities. When patients have nowhere else to go, they go to a hospital. Not just during a global pandemic, but every minute of every day, thousands of people in Wisconsin depend on hospitals to take care of them.

That is why WHA applauds the Joint Finance Committee's action yesterday on the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program by providing an ongoing investment in our health care delivery system that will improve and sustain access to care for patients in all corners of the state at all times."

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ABOUT THE WISCONSIN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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