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LONG-TERM CARE STAKEHOLDERS DISAPPOINTED IN VETO OF ASSEMBLY BILL 76

Proposal Would Have Helped Address CNA Workforce Shortage

(WISCONSIN) – Today, Governor Tony Evers announced that he has vetoed Assembly Bill 76, legislation which would align Wisconsin's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) minimum hourly training requirement with the federal standard of 75 hours. The bill passed the legislature with bipartisan support in both the Assembly and the Senate.

A coalition representing long-term care physicians, nurses, administrators, and other professionals who are committed to caring for our most vulnerable citizens has worked to advance this proposal to help address Wisconsin's CNA workforce shortage. Below is a statement from this coalition of practitioners on the Governor's veto of Assembly Bill 76:

As a coalition representing long-term care physicians, nurses, administrators, and other professionals who are committed to serving and caring for our most vulnerable citizens, we are disappointed with the Governor's decision to veto this bill. Currently, providers across the state are facing a critical caregiver workforce shortage which, if left unaddressed, could severely limit access to care for the most vulnerable individuals in Wisconsin and could affect care quality. This policy would have helped facilities have the staff to maintain and advance care quality.

Long-term care providers and practitioners are responsible first and foremost for the health and quality of life of our residents. We care deeply about their well-being and we work to earn their trust during a period of their lives which is often difficult and emotional – for both residents and their families. As Wisconsin's population continues to age, we must work to preserve the dignity and sustainability of the CNA profession to ensure Wisconsin's frail elderly and persons with disabilities are able to receive the care they need. Assembly Bill 76 would have advanced that mission.

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