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Rep. Kind Introduces Bill to Lower Cost of Physical Therapy for Wisconsin Seniors

La Crosse, WI – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind introduced bipartisan legislation to permanently remove Medicare's cap on physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Repealing the arbitrary and dated cap will ensure Wisconsin seniors receive the care that they need at an affordable cost.

"Thousands of Wisconsin seniors use physical, occupational, and speech therapy to continue living their lives to the fullest. However, Medicare currently puts a cap on how much money they will cover for these programs, which places an arbitrary and unnecessary burden on many Wisconsin seniors. This bill would get rid of the cap and give our seniors the quality care they deserve," said Rep. Kind.

Under the current rule the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services caps the amount covered by Medicare at \$1,980 for physical therapy (PT) and speech-language pathology services (SLP) combined and \$1,980 for occupational therapy (OT) services.