



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **Rural Legislators Introduce Bills to Improve Health Care Access in Rural Wisconsin** *Proposals Increase Funding for workforce training and wellness*

**Madison, WI** – Today, members of the Rural Wisconsin Initiative formally introduced four legislative proposals to improve both access to and the quality of health care in rural Wisconsin.

The bills seek to fund training consortia for allied health professionals – such as physical therapists and certified nursing assistants, clinical training programs for advanced practice clinicians – such as physician assistants and advanced practice nurses, wellness programs in rural areas, and Wisconsin Hospital Association quality improvement initiatives.

“Rural Wisconsin needs to maintain and grow its health care workforce,” said Rep. Romaine Quinn (Rice Lake). “These bills will help ensure that people in rural areas continue to receive the high quality care for which Wisconsin is known.”

The legislation will circulate for co-sponsorship until Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

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*The Rural Wisconsin Initiative (RWI) is a series of legislative packages that focus on improving access to health care, education, technology, and workforce development in rural Wisconsin.*

*For more information on the proposals and supporters of the RWI, please visit [www.RuralWisconsinInitiative.com](http://www.RuralWisconsinInitiative.com).*