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Few people look forward to visiting a hospital – but we all want the peace of mind that comes from knowing treatment is available when we need it most.

Hi, I'm State Senator Patrick Testin from Stevens Point, and today I want to talk about what Republicans are doing to make health care more affordable and accessible in Wisconsin.

This summer, Governor Walker worked with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to launch the Health Care Stability Plan. This plan will help people on the federal exchanges who have claims in the \$50,000-\$250,000 range, lowering premiums by an average of 3.5% and preventing further spikes in cost in 2019.

At the same time, Republicans have passed legislation that won support from both parties to give our rural health care workforce a much-needed boost. It shouldn't matter whether you live in Tomah or in Madison. All Wisconsinites should have access to high quality, well-trained medical professionals. That's why we created grants for hospitals and clinics to train the workers who provide front-line medical care in rural areas. Newly trained practitioners will be joining their colleagues to ensure that high quality care is available in all corners of the state.

Wisconsin has a tradition for providing some of the highest quality care in the country, and my Republican colleagues and I are committed to protecting and growing that strong reputation now and in the years to come. Thanks for listening, and may you all be well and have good health.