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## **Health Insurance Premiums Drop After Republican Action**

**Madison--**The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) recently announced that premiums for health plans sold on the marketplace will drop across the state in 2019. Rates will drop an average of 4.2% statewide and in northeastern Wisconsin, rates will drop by more than 30% next year. According to OCI, the drop in rates is largely attributed to the state's reinsurance program, which was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Scott Walker earlier this year.

Representative John Nygren, who voted for the reinsurance program, released the following statement:

“This is great news for northeastern Wisconsin! Healthcare quality in Wisconsin has consistently been ranked as one of the best in the nation and now, thanks to our hard work, that care is becoming more affordable. As long as the federal government does not act on health care, we will work at the state level to improve the quality and affordability of health care.”

The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality recently named Wisconsin 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation and first in the Midwest for highest overall health care quality. US News also ranked Wisconsin's health care system as the 12<sup>th</sup> most affordable in the nation, prior to the reduction in rates from the reinsurance program.

The reinsurance program addresses a key problem with the Affordable Care Act; that health plans have drawn too many people with high medical bills and not enough healthy people to offset the costs. The state's reinsurance program will help offset high medical costs.

“Not only have rates dropped, insurers are also returning to the marketplace in Wisconsin. Recently, I met with leadership from Molina Healthcare who recently announced they will be returning to the Wisconsin health care market due to the reinsurance program. This is all good news for Wisconsinites and the quality of health care in Wisconsin. I look forward to building on this work in the next legislative session.”

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