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The Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters hosts Expert Panel Discussion on Health Care Costs

MADISON – Over 150 insurance professionals from all over Wisconsin are expected to hear an Expert Panel on Health Care Costs in Wisconsin and possible legislation during The Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters legislative day, “*Day on the Hill*”. “This is the one day where the industry gets together to come up with solutions to Wisconsin’s escalating health care costs and where we can educate legislators on real solutions”, said 2004 WAHU President Dean M. Hoffman stated.

The panel will include the Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee, Senator Dale Schultz; Chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee, Representative Bonnie Ladwig; State Director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Bill G. Smith; and WAHU’s Executive Vice-President, Dan Schwartzner. The Program Chair for WAHU, Katie Beals, explained that “the purpose of this panel is to openly discuss the problem with health care costs and potential private market and government solutions. It’s really an open debate about which ideas make sense and which ones don’t”.

The membership of WAHU will also hear other discussions, included a debate between Republican US Senate Candidates – State Senator Bob Welch and Business Owner Russ Darrow. Later in the day, the members will walk to the Capitol to advance the positions of the association. “Some call today’s event *special interest*, but this is the real meaning of grass roots. Everyday people meeting with their elected officials about important issues that effect all of us”, Hoffman went on to say.

The meetings will be held at the Concourse Hotel in the Madison Ballroom, with the Panel Discussion taking place at 9:15 a.m. Immediately following the Panel Discussion, the Republican US Senate Candidate Debate will conclude the morning program.

All Members of the Press are invited.

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