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**Senate Republican Health Care Reform 2007 Press Release**

**MADISON, WI** – The Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters (WAHU) applauds the Senate Republican's health care agenda for its effort to address health care costs and to provide solutions that do not expand government programs. "Too many reform ideas attempt to overhaul how health care is financed rather than provide solutions that will reign in the high cost of health care. Health care costs are not expensive because of insurance; rather, insurance is expensive because of health care costs," said Dan Schwartzer, Executive Vice President of the Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters.

The Senate Republican health agenda will begin to strike at the heart of health care costs by including consumers. The agenda includes health care opportunity accounts and if implemented properly they would allow for Medicaid recipients to have control over their own health care decisions. Additionally, the Senate Republicans have included a provision to create health risk assessments to identify disease risk factors early before serious costly treatment is needed. Senate Republicans will again push for tax deductions for Health Savings Accounts (HSA's).

"The Senate Republicans are off to a good start," said Schwartzer. "If people want to see a reduction in health care costs then we must look at private market solutions." He went on to say that consumer driven choices will create the competition that is so desperately needed in the health care market.

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