



For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Mike Bare (920.242.1639; mbare@communityadvocates.net)

Date: May 12, 2017

Healthcare Protection Package a Needed First Response to Potential ACA Repeal

Milwaukee—The Community Advocates Public Policy Institute supports the [package of bills](#) proposed today by State Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) and State Representative Daniel Riemer (D-Milwaukee) as a necessary “first response” to protect Wisconsinites from the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by Congress. Because the House-passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) threatens many healthcare protections Americans currently rely on, state policymakers must ensure that any final version of the AHCA would do no harm to Wisconsinites. The Healthcare Protection Package would help to continue vital policies that reduce costs to healthcare consumers and provide access to insurance with robust coverage.

“Congress should ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health coverage,” said Mike Bare, Research and Policy Coordinator for the Community Advocates Public Policy Institute. “The American Health Care Act as passed by the House of Representatives would endanger Wisconsinites’ lives and potentially bring back insurance company discrimination that the Affordable Care Act banned.

“Wisconsin needs to be ready if Congress and President Trump give states more power over health policy. The Erpenbach-Riemer package of bills is a great ‘first response.’ State policymakers will also need to do much more to ensure that affordable coverage is available for all Wisconsinites.”

Community Advocates established the [Public Policy Institute](#) in 2008 to work toward preventing and reducing poverty while improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin. The Public Policy Institute targets poverty by changing relevant public policies and laws; preventing its effects through public health efforts; and working to increase opportunity and wellness for low-income people by fostering factors related to success, resilience, and well-being.

###