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New Report: Typical Wisconsin Family Would Save 40% under *Healthy Wisconsin* *Citizen Action Report shows family savings averaging over \$1300 per year if health care reform plan is enacted*

Milwaukee: A new report from Citizen Action of Wisconsin documents large health care cost savings for Wisconsin families if *Healthy Wisconsin* is enacted. The release of the report coincides with a hearing today by the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on a revised version of the comprehensive health care reform plan.

The report, "Good Deal: How *Healthy Wisconsin* Improves the Bottom Line for Wisconsin Families," shows that the typical Wisconsin family would save between 40% and 62%. This amounts to savings of \$1,320 and \$4,180 per year over what Wisconsin families are paying now for health insurance premiums and deductibles. These findings shed additional light on the benefits of comprehensive health care reform, by bringing it down to the level of kitchen table economics.

The full report can be downloaded on-line at www.citizenactionwi.org

The report uses an extremely conservative methodology that likely understates the family savings that would be achieved under *Healthy Wisconsin*. Also, the report's tight focus on cost does not take into account the increased value of *Healthy Wisconsin's* well above average benefits package (as good as what Legislators receive), or the additional value to a family of having health coverage they can never lose as long as they reside in Wisconsin.

Healthy Wisconsin, which has received national attention as a health care reform model, was passed by the State Senate this summer as a budget amendment, but was blocked by the State Assembly. The revised version, SB 562, is sponsored by Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton), who is Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

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