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Children's Hospital of Wisconsin recognizes Governor Walker's dedication to Wisconsin children

Milwaukee (2/11/2011) - Children's Hospital of Wisconsin recognizes that during these challenging economic times, Governor Walker continues to be vested in advancing the health and well-being of the children of Wisconsin. His budget repair bill legislation, introduced today, protects the current state insurance coverage and access for pregnant women and children. By doing so, Governor Walker sends a strong message that our most vulnerable population, our children, will be cared for.

In the 2011 budget repair bill, Governor Walker positioned our state's children as a top priority. "We praise his commitment to ensuring that children in need continue to receive the medical care necessary to grow into strong, successful adults. It is during these challenging times when our most vulnerable children are at greatest risk and it is evident that the Governor's budget repair bill recognizes this," said Peggy Troy, MSN, RN, president and CEO of Children's Hospital. "We hope this sets the foundation for the hard work going forward to protect children for a safe and healthy future. Children's Hospital will continue to work with the Governor's Administration and Department of Health Services to forward the initiatives necessary to improve the health status of children and manage the cost of their care."

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, founded in 1894, is recognized as one of the leading pediatric health care centers in the United States. It is rated No. 3 in the nation by *Parents* magazine and named one of America's Best Children's Hospitals by *U.S.News & World Report*. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin is a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons. The hospital has been redesignated a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a national honor that recognizes nursing excellence. Private, independent and not-for-profit, the hospital serves children and families from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Illinois and beyond. Children's Hospital is the flagship member of Children's Hospital and Health System. In 2009, the health system invested more than $76 million into the community to improve the health status of children. For more information, visit the website at chw.org.

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