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Children's Hospital of Wisconsin recognizes Wisconsin lawmakers who supported enhanced Medicaid funding

Milwaukee (8/12/2010) - Children's Hospital of Wisconsin leaders are publicly thanking members of the Wisconsin delegation, including Sens. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, Reps. Tammy Baldwin, Steve Kagen, Ron Kind, David Obey and Gwen Moore, for their support of legislation to extend the enhanced Medicaid matching funds (FMAP). The extension, which runs through June 2011, provides critical funding for the Medicaid budget, which is crucial for hospitals such as Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Nearly 50 percent of the children receiving care at Children's Hospital rely on Medicaid for health care coverage. Under the bill, Wisconsin will receive $185 million in Medicaid (FMAP) assistance.

"This is an important investment in the health and well-being of our children," said Peggy Troy, MSN, RN, president and CEO of Children's Hospital and Health System. "We are very grateful that our state continues to invest in essential health care services to benefit children who rely on this program."

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 2008, the health system invested more than $114 million into the community to improve the health status of children. For more information, visit the website at www.chw.org.

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