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Media Advisory for TUESDAY July 30, 2013 10:30 AM
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**Media Call: County Leaders, including Milwaukee
County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic,
Propose Granting Federal Medicaid Funds to WI
Counties, Cite Ohio Model**

*On 48th anniversary of the start of Medicaid, county leaders point to
alternative means of covering citizens*

Statewide: On a media call at 10:30 AM Tuesday, Citizen Action of Wisconsin and county leaders from around Wisconsin will release a letter signed by county leaders from 20 counties, including Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, calling on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to follow the example of Ohio, and serve as a passthrough for enhanced federal Medicaid funds for Wisconsin counties that want the extra funds. DHS is currently accepting public comment for a “demonstration project” waiver request to change BadgerCare as part of the state budget, which temporarily rejected federal Medicaid funds which would have strengthened BadgerCare.

Pointing to a “demonstration project” waiver in Ohio’s Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) to funnel enhanced federal Medicaid funds to the county level which was approved this spring, Wisconsin county leaders request in the letter a similar policy in Wisconsin. Like Wisconsin, Ohio is currently rejecting the enhanced federal Medicaid dollars statewide.

County leaders will explain why these available federal funds to guarantee coverage for low income residents are necessary. 13 county boards have passed resolutions calling for Wisconsin to either accept the enhanced federal Medicaid funds or agree to seek a demonstration project that would allow the funds to be passed through to counties.

What: Media call on Wisconsin County request for Enhanced Medicaid Dollars

When: Tuesday July 30th, 10:30 AM

Who: Robert Kraig, executive director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin
Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board
Supervisor Melissa Sargent, Dane County, Health & Human Needs Committee Chair
Supervisor Monica Kruse, La Crosse County, Health and Human Services Board Chair
Supervisor Dan Robinson, Brown County, Human Services Committee Vice-chair
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