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Wendy Arnone

(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Health, Health Insurance,  
Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue  
(SC-HHIPTRR)

### COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

### INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
  - (**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue**

**Arnone, Wendy**, of Green Bay, as a member of the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2012.

December 01, 2009 Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

February 17, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances For

- Wendy Arnone, DePere
- Nathan Houdek — WI Association of Health Plans

#### Appearances Against

- None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

#### Registrations For

- Nancy Wenzel — WI Association of Health Plans
- Lorie Grushka — Office of Governor Jim Doyle
- Eric Schutt, Madison — United Health Care

#### Registrations Against

- None.

#### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 17, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

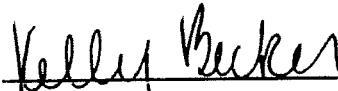
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Kanavas that  
**Arnone, Wendy** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson,  
Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Noes: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



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Kelly Becker

Committee Clerk

**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property**  
**Tax Relief, and Revenue**

Date: 2/17/10

Moved by: Carp

Seconded by: Kanavas

Appointments

AB \_\_\_\_\_

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

AR \_\_\_\_\_

SR \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Amone, W.  
 Soler, N.  
 Size, T.  
 Coppens, K.

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Be recommended for:

- Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrency

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Senator Jon Erpenbach, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Tim Carpenter</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Judith Robson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Julie Lassa</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Mary Lazich</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Ted Kanavas</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Alberta Darling</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Totals:** \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

**Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax  
Relief, and Revenue - February 17, 2010**

**Testimony from Wendy Arnone**

Chairman Erpenbach and Committee Members.

I am happy to be here with you today and appreciate you taking the time to schedule this hearing to consider my nomination to serve as an insurer representative on the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan, or HIRSP, Authority Board.

My name is Wendy Arnone and I am the president and chief executive officer of UnitedHealthcare of Wisconsin, a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group.

UnitedHealthcare provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services, helping approximately 26 million individual consumers nationwide achieve improved health and well-being through various health service systems.

In Wisconsin, UnitedHealth Group serves approximately 1.1 million members, contracts with more than 15,000 physicians and 118 hospitals, and employs more than 5,700 individuals with offices in: Green Bay; Milwaukee; Wauwatosa; Wausau; Eau Claire; Onalaska; Pewaukee; Brookfield; and Appleton. Annually, UnitedHealth Group invests approximately \$400 million in our state's economy through taxes and wages.

As you all probably know, Wisconsin's health insurance risk-sharing plan offers health insurance coverage to residents who are unable to obtain adequate coverage in the private market due to a medical condition, or who have lost their group health insurance coverage.

HIRSP is financed through the policyholder premiums and assessments collected from health insurance companies in the state, with healthcare providers contributing to HIRSP through their acceptance of reduced reimbursement rates for their covered medical services provided to HIRSP policyholders. In 2008, UnitedHealth Group paid a total assessment of approximately \$6.4 million to HIRSP.

Throughout my professional career, I have experienced first hand the need for, and importance of, access to quality, affordable healthcare for individuals.

When I started my career as a Registered Nurse in Upstate New York, I saw the challenges faced by individuals who had gone for too long without insurance coverage and as a result visited our Emergency Room for procedures that could have been dealt with through routine visits and quality care management.

During my time in Network Management, I learned about the positive impact network relationships between providers and insurers have on decreasing healthcare costs while increasing the quality of care through the implementation and utilization of disease and quality management programs.

And, in my current role, I hear everyday about the high cost of healthcare in the state and look for ways to leverage the resources of UnitedHealthcare to make healthcare more affordable while providing quality care management and wellness programs for our 1.1 million members.

The Wisconsin HIRSP authority is one tool in our state's health insurance tool box and plays a critical role by providing affordable, quality care for 16,500 citizens.

Based on my personal and professional experiences, I feel that I would be qualified to serve as an insurer representative on the HIRSP Board and would appreciate your support for my nomination.

Again, thank you for scheduling this hearing today and your consideration of my appointment. I look forward to any questions that you may have.