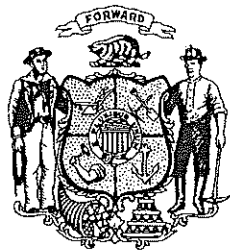


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MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: April 30, 2024

Re: 30-Day Passive Review Approval – UWHCA

Pursuant to s. 233.20, Stats., attached is a 30-day passive review request from the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority, received on April 30, 2024.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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Contact: Connie Schulze
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April 30, 2024

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Sent via email to Joe Malkasian, Committee Clerk at joe.malkasian@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Sen. Marklein and Rep. Born:

Pursuant to s. 233.20, Wis. Stats., University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority d/b/a UW Health (UWHCA) is notifying you of our intent to issue bonds not to exceed \$325 million later this year. The issuance of bonds under this section does not create an obligation or debt to the State of Wisconsin or its taxpayers.

UW Health has a bond rating of AA- with S&P and Aa3 with Moody's and intends to use the bonds to potentially purchase land, expand two existing facilities, as well as other related infrastructure needs. In terms of the expansion at University Hospital, we will increase Emergency Department (ED) capacity, develop flexible care space, and add 48 inpatient beds to the existing 685. Specifically at East Madison Hospital, we will focus on increasing our Operating Room (OR) capacity, establishing additional prep and recovery rooms, and increasing ED space. Furthermore, the land acquisition we are considering will allow for future expansion at our east Madison campus.

We are taking this exciting step forward to address a significant and growing demand for our care and deliver on our commitment to provide "Remarkable Healthcare." Demand for our services continues to rise at a staggering pace. We estimate we'll serve nearly 850,000 patients this calendar year, which is a 20 percent increase over just the last six years, with even higher demand on the horizon.

The UWHCA Board has indicated support via an intent to reimburse from subsequent bond financing resolution passed in July 2023. Therefore, our enterprise will move forward with securing the bonds for the purposes outlined above following the passive review period of 30 working days unless notified otherwise by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached with the assistance of Connie Schulze, Director of Government Affairs at 608/516-2552.

Sincerely,

Alan S. Kaplan, MD
CEO, UW Health

cc: Bob Flannery, SVP & Chief Financial Officer, UW Health RFlannery@uwhealth.org