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Tranel Supports WHA updated Website

Cuba City, WI - Travis Tranel, challenger for the 49th Assembly District, has announced support for the Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) new website, www.checkpoint.org. Tranel says the new site will provide consumers with important information on patient outcomes and quality at Wisconsin's hospitals.

"I'm pleased to see a private organization take the initiative to provide Wisconsinites with the information they need to make an informed health care decision," said Tranel. "Wisconsin is a national leader in collecting and reporting data on the performance of its doctors and this website gives the public easy access to that information."

Checkpoint.org, which was founded by the WHA in 2004, was updated last week to include some significant new measures. The site now includes data on the following:

- The death due to illness rate for each hospital including illnesses like heart attacks, pneumonia, stroke, and hip fracture.
- The death during procedure rates for each hospital including most common surgeries.
- Volume rates so that the consumer can see how often each hospital performs a given procedure.

"As consumers are forced to pay more and more for their health care, they have an absolute right to get the best quality treatment at the best price," said Tranel. "Checkpoint.org is an important early step towards this goal."

Tranel also says that he supports other health care measures like BadgerCare plus, which will cover 100% of children in Wisconsin, and SeniorCare, Wisconsin's popular prescription drug program for the elderly. Tranel says that the state needs to do more to ensure that farmers and small business owners receive the health care they need at a price they can afford.

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