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## **Wisconsin Family Action Applauds Governor Walker & DHS Commitment to Authentic Health Care**

“Wisconsin Family Action salutes the commitment of Governor Walker and the Department of Health Services to the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) and to the continued provision of vital cancer screening services to Wisconsin women,” said Julaine Appling, President of Wisconsin Family Action.

The DHS recently opted not to renew a \$130,000-plus contract with four counties (Winnebago, Fond Du Lac, Outagamie and Sheboygan) for cancer screening services currently provided by the state and nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

"Past Planned Parenthood directors have gone on record to admit that all funding, which would including state WWWP funding, goes "into one pot"; is not allocated to any particular procedure and may just as easily be used to pay for an abortion as it might a cancer screening," said Appling. "At a time of serious budget constraint, the Walker administration is moving to protect families, who demand their tax dollars not be used to fund objectionable organizations, but for programs focused on authentic health care, education and prevention."

In a recent release, DHS Secretary Dennis Smith reaffirmed the priority given to county health departments, rather than private agencies, in providing cancer prevention and education services through WWWP. He also refuted claims that WWWP would cease funding for cancer screening. "We are committed to making sure these vital prevention services are provided to women in these counties and will work with local community providers to ensure continued access," said Smith.

A related measure has been proposed in the legislature by co-authors Rep. André Jacque (R-Bellevue) and Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend).

Assembly Bill 386 and Senate Bill 331 would provide that public entities receiving state funding through the Wisconsin Well Woman Program may give funds to non-government entities provided the recipients do not provide abortions, make referrals for abortion services, or have affiliates who provide abortions or makes referrals for abortion services.

"Both AB 386/SB 331 and the recent DHS decision are much needed accountability measures that will restore integrity to a program that offers vital services for women; serve to protect and preserve the wellness of countless unborn children; and staunch the flow of dollars to Planned Parenthood, the beneficiary of tens of millions in state and federal subsidies for abortion," said Appling.