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REP NELSON: IMPORTANT NEW HEALTH INSURANCE LAWS TAKE EFFECT  
IN THE NEW YEAR

KAUKAUNA – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) announced that important new changes in state law, including a new requirement that insurance companies cover cochlear implants, are taking effect this month.

“Assembly Democrats have made helping Wisconsin families our top priority. These new changes will significantly help Wisconsin families gain access to affordable healthcare,” said Representative Nelson.

Among the most significant changes, young adults will now be able to stay on their parents’ health insurance plans unless they have access to cheaper plans through their employers.

“Many young people unfortunately do not have access to affordable health coverage. This law will help cover young adults while they are entering the workforce or pursuing higher education,” said Representative Nelson.

In addition to expanded coverage to young adults, insurance companies will also be required to cover new treatments, including cochlear implants, hearing aids, and treatments for autism. Research has shown that early treatment for children suffering from either hearing loss or autism can significantly improve their quality of life. Unfortunately, treatments are usually unaffordable for working families.

“For too long, Wisconsin families have been draining their savings accounts and mortgaging their homes so they can provide their children with the treatment they need,” said Representative Nelson. “These changes will give families the freedom to choose the medical care that is right for their child, without jeopardizing their financial security.”

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