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**ASHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PASSES
REVIEW BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS**

MADISON—Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, today announced that the Ashland County Health Department has successfully passed the state's health department review. As a result, the Ashland County Health Department will advance their level from Level II to Level III status.

“The hard-working staff of the Ashland County Health Department help make their community a healthier and safer place to live,” said Foldy. “Their department has an actively engaged and supportive Health and Human Services Board, and does an excellent job of engaging the community to work collaboratively on priority health problems.”

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is required to formally review the operations of all 92 Wisconsin local health departments at the county or municipality level at least every five years. The review establishes the health department as a level III agency. A level I agency meets the minimum requirements and a level III agency meets the maximum requirements established for a local health department.

The Ashland County Health Department provides services important to the community, such as:

- Public health preparedness activities to be ready to prevent and control epidemics
- Coordination of prenatal care for high risk pregnant women
- Food lodging and recreational facility inspection and licensing

For information about the Ashland County Health Department, visit:
<http://www.co.ashland.wi.us/departments/health-and-human-services/> or
call (715) 682-7004

For contact information for Wisconsin's local health departments, visit:
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/>

For information about the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 or 2020*, visit:
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/index.htm>

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