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**RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PASSES REVIEW BY
STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS**

MADISON—Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, today announced that the Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services has successfully passed the state's health department review. As a result, the Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services will maintain their Level II status.

“The hard-working staff of the Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services help make their community a healthier and safer place to live,” said Foldy. “Their department has an actively engaged and supportive Board of Health, and does an excellent job of identifying and addressing public health priorities and collaborating with key community partners.

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 I, II or 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 Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services provides services important to the community, such as:

- Communicable disease and human health hazard prevention and control.
- Preparedness for and response to public health emergencies.
- Collaborative services to prevent underage alcohol use.
- Injury prevention services such as car seat safety and Cribs for Kids.

For information about the Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services, visit:
http://www.ruskcounty.org/services/hhs_phealth.asp

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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