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**Obey IN OSCEOLA FOR UPDATE
ON NEW MEDICAL CENTER FACILITY**

OSCEOLA, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Osceola today for an update on the work being done to complete the new Osceola Medical Center building. Obey secured over $140,000 in federal funds last year to allow for the installation of three negative pressure isolation rooms in the new facility.

"I believe that access to quality healthcare is a basic necessity for all Americans, so I'm glad to see the Medical Center growing here in Osceola to ensure care for the community for years to come; and I'm happy we were able to secure some federal funds to make sure that the new facility can safely treat every patient in need," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The Osceola Medical Center has served residents of the Upper St. Croix Valley, the fastest growing region in the State of Wisconsin, for over 70 years. To meet growing demand, the Medical Center is constructing a new, state-of-the-art facility. The federal funds Obey secured are intended to provide for three negative pressure rooms in the medical center to limit exposure of communicable illnesses to other patients.

Currently, patients requiring such care are transported to other facilities.

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