

Wondering how to pay for your family's health care?

ABC for Health provides initial health benefits advocacy services to people under age 60. In certain situations, legal services are provided free or on a sliding fee scale for lower income families.

Who does ABC serve?

Individuals and families who have medical debt, chronic or terminal illnesses, disabilities, children with special health care needs or medical needs

What services do Health Benefits Counselors provide?

- Information about sources of financial assistance for medical or dental care
- Assistance in determining eligibility and securing benefits through Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus
- Direction in filing complaints and appeals
- Information about your rights and obligations under your health insurance plan
- Referral to ABC for Health attorneys or others for legal services

When should I call?

If you or those you serve...

- are under age 60*
- need health care coverage
- were denied health coverage
- have had insurance rescinded
- have trouble paying medical bills
- are confused by a health insurance plan
- need more information about BadgerCare Plus/ Medicaid benefits
- wish to learn rights as a health consumer

*If you are over age 60, consider calling a Senior Benefits Specialist. Find one near you by calling: 1-800-366-2990

ABC's Health Staff may:

- Offer free and confidential counseling services
- Help you identify health care coverage
- Help you find ways to pay medical debt
- Help you understand your rights about private insurance, BadgerCare Plus, or Medicaid denials



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ABC for Rural Health adds a rural dimension to our services and expertise and brings us close to the diverse communities of Wisconsin. ABC for Rural Health collocates offices in Northwest Wisconsin in Polk and Barron Counties.

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Advocacy & Benefits Counseling for Health



A nonprofit law firm dedicated to connecting Wisconsin families to health coverage and care



Advocacy & Benefits Counseling for Health

is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for people under age sixty, and children, particularly those with special health care needs or who are at risk.

ABC for Health is developing a nationally recognized, integrated model of Health Benefits Counseling, legal services and policy advocacy.



ABC for Health is striving to promote a universal system of health care coverage and access for all people. ABC for Health is serving as a catalyst in the development of local HealthWatch Coalitions to influence public policy and opinion while working to maximize all available health care coverage options.

Visit our Web Site at: www.abcforhealth.org

Health Benefits Counseling and Legal Services

Based upon available resources & funding:

- Our **advocacy staff** may help you locate health care coverage options for your family and advocate for you when a conflict arises
- Our **legal staff** may help you challenge health insurance claim denials, negotiate with creditors, and represent you in appeals before government agencies and the courts

Coalition Building and Development HealthWatch Wisconsin

- HealthWatch Wisconsin is a statewide effort that works with local coalitions to identify and resolve access to care and coverage barriers while improving the quality of health care for people under age 60 and low-income families
- ABC for Health and our partners have developed over 10 HealthWatch coalitions that **focus** and **amplify** the voices of health care advocates and patients on health care coverage and access issues



Visit HealthWatch Wisconsin on the web!
www.healthwatchwisconsin.org

Training, Consultation, and Health System Research Training

- HealthWatch Wisconsin's website features fact sheets on financing resources, web versions of our newsletters, and links to vital information for the Health Benefits Counselor
- HealthWatch Wisconsin offers in-depth consultations, comprehensive in-house training sessions for groups, and open-invitation conferences to develop community knowledge of health care coverage programs and benefits counseling skills
- Attorneys and Health Benefits Counselors at ABC for Health work to translate case-level insights into **strategies for change** by taking an active advocacy role in public policy debates at both the state and national level

Helping Today...

There are few resources to help families both identify and advocate for health care coverage.

ABC for Health is unique in providing direct health benefits counseling and legal assistance designed to help families and those under age 60 find the right coverage program through the maze of today's health care system.



Building Tomorrow...

By supporting informed consumers and healthcare providers, ABC for Health works to identify effective health care coverage options and avoid coverage issues.

Our innovative tools and coverage strategies can help you find more comprehensive coverage and better health care.

ABC for Health is ready to be your partner and your link to health care coverage and services.

