



HEALTHWATCH WISCONSIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the Impact of BadgerCare and Medicaid Programs on the People of Wisconsin is Scheduled

On March 7 & 8, 2011, HealthWatch Wisconsin will conduct a public hearing and hear testimony from the people of Wisconsin on the importance of BadgerCare and Medicaid health coverage programs.

Individuals, families, and care providers are welcome to join us to share their personal stories or to learn from others. A rally at the capitol will follow the hearings on both days. Testimony will be compiled and shared with Wisconsin's elected officials.

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING:

- To hear stories and support for the protection and preservation of the current BadgerCare and Medicaid programs from individuals currently enrolled
- To learn how the over 1.2 million enrollees in BadgerCare and Medicaid would be impacted by changes in the administration of the programs
- To hear from the additional family members--the grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, parents, neighbors and friends--on how they would be impacted if the BadgerCare or Medicaid a loved one relies on were to disappear or be restricted
- To hear from advocates and health care providers who work with individuals and families enrolled in or attempting to enroll in BadgerCare and Medicaid programs

JOIN US:

Monday, March 7 & Tuesday, March 8

2:00pm-4:00pm each day

Hall of Wisconsin Ballroom
Best Western Inn on the Park
22 S. Carroll Street
Madison, WI 53703

After the hearing on each day, join a march at the capitol to raise attention to the vital needs of BadgerCare and Medicaid recipients.

HEARING IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The hearings will end promptly at 4:00pm each day for the capitol rally. Individuals may testify in person or in writing. If you wish to speak in person, please check in at the door to the Hall of WI Ballroom. Oral testimony will be limited to approximately 3 minute duration.

If you wish to submit written comment, please address your letter by March 11, 2011 to the attention of: HealthWatch Wisconsin, 32 N. Bassett St., Madison, WI 53703 or email it to: info@healthwatchwisconsin.org.

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Accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford individuals access to the Public Hearing. The Inn on the Park is an accessible facility with an elevator that leads to the hearing room on the second floor. Please call if we can be of some assistance: 608-261-6939 ext. 204, and mention you are calling about the “BadgerCare Public Hearing.”

HealthWatch Wisconsin is a project of ABC for Health, Inc, dedicated to education and information on access to health care and coverage issues for the people of Wisconsin. HealthWatch Wisconsin is available online: www.healthwatchwisconsin.org.

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