

HealthWatch Wisconsin, Inc.'s

# Medical Debt Symposium

*Strategies. Solutions. Stories.*

## DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2024  
8:30am - noon  
Zoofari Center, Milwaukee

<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Registration Opens – light breakfast refreshments will be available.</i>
<b>8:30am-8:45am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>
<b>8:45am-9:30am</b>	<b>Medical Debt, Collections, &amp; Credit Reporting of Debt: A Public Health Crisis</b> – Invited guests from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau join in a conversation on the burden of medical debt and solutions in the works.
<b>9:30am-10:20am</b>	<b>Milwaukee County Medical Debt, Uncompensated Care, &amp; Hospital Financial Assistance Policies &amp; Practices</b> – Speakers provide an overview of Milwaukee County Hospital collection and financial assistance policies & practices, sharing data and stories from a recent report.
<b>10:20am-10:30am</b>	<b>Patient Stories</b> – Hear from a few individuals sharing their powerful stories of overcoming the stress and burden of medical debt.
<b>10:30am-10:45am</b>	<b>Short Break</b>
<b>10:45am-11:15am</b>	<b>The Elimination of the Birth Tax: A Local Success Story</b> – Speakers share the success of eliminating \$67 million in medical debt collection actions in Milwaukee County by ending the policy of recovering birthing costs (dubbed “the Birth Tax” by ABC for Health). Speakers also touch on new and emerging medical collection issues.
<b>11:15am-11:45am</b>	<b>The SafetyWeb Network and a Promising Path Forward</b> – ABC for Health’s Chief Operating Officer Brynne McBride profiles a successful medical debt intervention, with data and examples of pro-active, measurable learning that integrates patient support with health IT tools and learning management systems.
<b>11:45am-noon</b>	<b>Closing Comments</b>

Register online: <https://forms.office.com/r/bWtvAEUgX2> or call: (608)261-6939

*The Symposium will be seeking attorney CLE credits*



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