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ABC for Health: What's Next for National Health Care Reform?

Madison, WI – “Health care reform is not dead yet, but one foot is in the grave and the other is on a banana peel,” said Bobby Peterson, public interest attorney and director of ABC for Health. On January 21, ABC for Health filmed an edition of its popular, online policy talk show, the HealthWatch WatchDog. In the first episode of 2010, Peterson reviewed Tuesday’s Senate vote in Massachusetts and explored the impact of Republican Scott Brown’s victory on the current reform bill.

“Brown’s victory doesn’t derail reform. Remember, the Democrats still have a majority in the Senate—it’s just not a filibuster-proof majority,” said Peterson. “If health reform moves forward, it will likely follow one of several paths. First, Congress could pass a redrafted and likely stripped-down version of the bill.” Peterson continued, “Or, the reform bill could be passed in sections that have enough support to avoid a filibuster. Finally, Congress could re-visit the idea of reconciliation, pushing a modified version of health care through the Senate with a simple majority of 51 votes. No matter which option plays out, we need reform quickly and effectively implemented. We need our elected representatives to put people before profits.”

Peterson presented more detail on the future of national health reform, including implications for Wisconsin, in a web cast presentation from the ABC for Health Studio available to the media and the public at this link:

<http://76.205.39.193/mediasiteabc/Viewer/?peid=38a79680-9362-46a3-9301-2d93e82d08b6>

“We expect to see leadership on this issue from Washington and from our elected officials here at home. Reform isn’t dead, but our elected officials must stay the course and do what is right for the American people--pass a law that extends health care coverage to all.”

ABC for Health is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to linking children and families, particularly those with special health care needs, to health care benefits and services. ABC for Health’s mission is to provide information, advocacy tools, legal services and expert support needed to obtain, maintain, and finance health care coverage and services.

