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ABC FOR HEALTH UNVEILS UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PLAN

AmeriCare-Choice Will Cover All Americans and Include Strong Consumer Protections

Madison, WI – At a press event today, Bobby Peterson, Public Interest Attorney of ABC for Health, unveiled The AmeriCare-Choice Plan, a reform proposal that provides a path to universal health care coverage for all Americans.

The AmeriCare-Choice Plan proposes a public-private partnership that builds on the current Medicaid system to increase the size of risk pools, increase purchasing power and cut health care costs. “The health care system, like our economy, is in crisis,” said Peterson. “AmeriCare-Choice will not only cover all Americans, but will also provide them with high-quality care, continued choice, and strong consumer protections. We can move forward on the path to universal coverage in three years.”

The program include features like advocacy services through Health Benefits Counselors, health care coordination through Health Care Navigators, and local monitoring and community-based feedback through HealthWatch coalitions, an emerging network of health professionals organized by ABC for Health. A hallmark of AmeriCare-Choice is the strong individual and community advocacy designed to protect the rights of plan participants. Due process rights available under Medicaid would be enshrined in the plan.

“We need a program that forges a partnership between public strength and protection, and private sector innovations and choice” continued Peterson. “The enormous political battles that would have to be fought in creating a plan from scratch are eliminated, saving valuable time and resources. We need to give AmeriCare-Choice a try.”

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.

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