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ABC for Health Debunks the Myths of Health Reform

Madison, WI. The debate over health care reform has generated assertions and accusations from the politicians to the pundits. On August 7, ABC for Health filmed a new edition of its popular online policy talk show, the HealthWatch WatchDog, to blast the fiction and scare tactics of health reform, namely the mantra of socialized medicine, rationed care and government-run care. “The pundits don’t talk about socialized roads, police forces or socialized national defense, but they do want to talk about socialized medicine,” says Bobby Peterson, public interest attorney and Director of ABC for Health. “We see those trying to stop health care reform saying, ‘slow down Mr. President.’ This is nonsense. We’ve been waiting for reform since the beginning of the last century!”

Peterson presented the facts and fiction of health reform in a web cast presentation from the ABC for Health Studio. The web cast is available to the media and the public at this link:
<http://76.205.39.193/mediasiteabc/Viewer/?peid=232dad68-a681-4fed-acba-76776bd9a2f8>

In an era of public-private partnerships, Peterson stresses that we have the infrastructure and workable models already in place to build a sustainable, workable health system for all Americans. And the timing is right. “We are at a point where we’ve crossed the Rubicon of health care reform. We’re at a point of no return where something’s going to happen...we need to pick up the pace.”

ABC for Health plans to film new content on August 12 to continue this conversation. Peterson says the next episode will look at important elements of consumer advocacy that should be in the health reform package.

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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