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**ABC for Health partners with HealthWatch Wisconsin in Response to the Wisconsin Medical Schools**

**Madison, WI** – ABC for Health in partnership with HealthWatch Wisconsin, a membership organization that focuses work on maximizing access to care and coverage for the people of Wisconsin, has developed a new feature: “[The HealthWatch Wisconsin Reporter](#)” to highlight large scale and important health care coverage issues that require deeper analysis and review. “This new feature tackles the big issues, providing in-depth analysis and insight into complex questions. In its debut, the HealthWatch Wisconsin Reporter, available on the HealthWatch Wisconsin website ([www.healthwatchwisconsin.org](http://www.healthwatchwisconsin.org)) as well as the ABC for Health website ([www.safetyweb.org](http://www.safetyweb.org)) takes on the big money issues facing Wisconsin, namely, the Legislative Audit Bureau Report to the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation Board,” said Bobby Peterson, public interest attorney and Executive Director of ABC for Health, Inc (ABC). “We chronicle the July 15 Wisconsin United for Health Foundation Board meeting that gathered stakeholders from across Wisconsin as the Wisconsin medical schools, the trustees of over \$600 million in Blue Cross Blue Shield conversion funds, defensively defended their practices,” continued Peterson. A recent Legislative Audit Bureau Report (<http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/lab/reports/10-6full.pdf>) suggests the medical schools periodically use the funds to benefit their own institutions, rather than the public's health.

ABC for Health produced a webcast response to the July 15 meeting as well, available to the media and the public at this link:

<http://96.60.62.171/mediasiteabc/Viewer/?peid=7aa79cf1529642f9a9441a8d9e836e64>

“We are pleased to provide this additional service to the membership of HealthWatch Wisconsin, as well as the people of Wisconsin,” said Peterson.

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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