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HealthWatch Wisconsin Announces Annual Advocacy, Outreach, & Media Awards

Madison, WI- Wednesday, March 7 the 11th Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference titled, "The Healthcare Coverage Quest: The Road to Reimbursements" will convene in Madison. This is the 11th year gathering advocates, health care providers, and health policy experts from across Wisconsin to discuss access to health care coverage and services in Wisconsin, especially for low-income, underserved consumers.

The HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference kicks off March 7 at 1pm at the Madison Masonic Center (301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison), and continues on Thursday, March 8 with a panel of Wisconsin Legislators followed by a panel of Democratic Candidates for Governor.

Mid-day Thursday, HealthWatch will recognize those doing outstanding work in the community. Our slate of honorees includes:

- **Advocate of the Year: Kathy Judd, Dane County Economic Support**
- **Outreach Effort of the Year: Liz Hecht, Family Voices of Wisconsin**
- **Media Effort of the Year: Timothy Jost, Health Affairs Blog**

The award ceremony begins at noon at the conference location.

The afternoon includes workshop sessions on topics like private health insurance, coverage for immigrant populations, the Birth Tax, patient rights and responsibilities when discharging to long term care, care and coverage coordination for children with special health care needs, Medicaid and jail health issues for incarcerated individuals, behavioral health coverage issues, and more!

If You Go:

What: 11th Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference

Date: Wed., March 7, 1pm-5pm; Thurs., March 8, 9am-5pm (Award ceremony at noon)

Place: Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison (E. Johnson Street Entrance)

To Register: Registration is required to attend the full HealthWatch conference. There is no cost to attend the awards ceremony.

Press packets will be available for the media.

A conference agenda and registration information is online: www.healthwatchwisconsin.org.

HealthWatch Wisconsin, Inc. is a subsidiary of ABC for Health, Inc., 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. HealthWatch Wisconsin gathers public health professionals to learn about access to health care and coverage issues and amplify the voices of low income or underserved individuals in Wisconsin.

