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## PBS NewsHour Features Health Coverage in Wisconsin

**Tune into the PBS NewsHour December 27 at 6:00pm CST (Check Your Local Listings)**

Health Correspondent [Betty Ann Bowser](#) of the [PBS NewsHour](#) traveled to Wisconsin in early December to examine the dramatic change of administration and legislature--and what it means for Wisconsin families who depend on Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus programs for services. In time for her December 6 arrival to Madison, PBS Newshour staff contacted ABC for Health, Sen. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Richards, Pamela Herd (UW Madison), and numerous families and individuals enrolled in BadgerCare Plus programs to get a good sense of the changing dynamic. Betty Ann also visited the "Save BadgerCare Coalition," capturing conversation of dedicated advocates and learning how important it is to Wisconsin advocates to protect BadgerCare Plus eligibility for people in our state. The PBS NewsHour's piece on Health Care in Wisconsin is set to air tonight at 6:00pm. To find your local PBS TV station, [CLICK HERE](#). Did you miss an episode of the NewsHour? Visit the PBS NewsHour website for [archives](#) of each night's program.



## Save BadgerCare Coalition in the News

To view other recent news stories of the Save BadgerCare Coalition and the work to protect health care and coverage in Wisconsin, view some of the following articles:

- [Coalition Worries Incoming Republican Leaders Put BadgerCare at Risk - by Liz Welter for the Wausau Daily Herald, Dec. 12](#)
- [Vital Signs: Advocates form Coalition to Save Public Health Program - by Shawn Doherty for the Capital Times, Dec. 6](#)
- [In Our Backyard, WORT Radio, Dec. 6 \(The story starts at minute 9:15 and runs to 14:38.\)](#)
- [GOP puts BadgerCare, Federal Health Care Law in the Cross Hairs - by Mary Spicuzza for the Wisconsin State Journal, Dec. 2](#)



## About the "Save BadgerCare Coalition"

**The "Save BadgerCare Coalition" Forms in Wisconsin to Help Preserve and Protect BadgerCare Programs and Eligibility in Wisconsin!**

There is a changing of the guard in Wisconsin. As the leadership and priorities change in the coming months, advocates and policymakers must work together to preserve state health

benefits for Wisconsin individuals and families. Join a growing coalition of individuals, agencies and advocates dedicated to the health and well being of people all across Wisconsin. The new Save BadgerCare Coalition held a kick-off meeting Tuesday, November 23, proactively organizing to save BadgerCare Plus, Core Plan, Basic Plan, and disability programs in Wisconsin. Questions? Contact

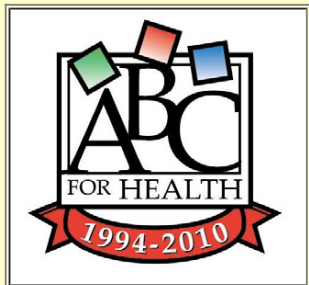
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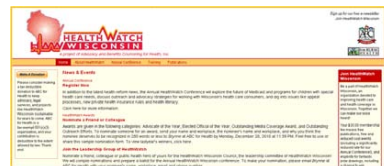
- To join using the new, online Save BadgerCare Coalition Sign Up Form, [Click Here](#).
- To provide feedback and recommendations to the Coalition, [Click Here](#).
- Is someone missing from the discussion? [Share additional](#) recommendations for those to be invited to join the Coalition at the next meeting!

**Save the Date:** The next meeting of the Coalition is January 5, 2011, 1:30-3:00pm at the WCCF Offices, 555 West Washington Ave., Suite 200, Madison, WI. Can't make it in person? Join us by teleconference: 1-866-274-6951 (Passcode: 7742688#).

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