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## Want to Join HealthWatch Wisconsin As a Member?

Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, you are teaming up with an impressive new effort in Wisconsin that will work to focus and amplify the voices of health care advocates across the state.

**Your individual membership fee is still only \$20.** Your workplace can purchase an **organizational membership for just \$75.** [Click here](#) for more information about HealthWatch Wisconsin.

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## REGISTER TODAY!!

## It's Time for the 3rd Annual HealthWatch WI Conference

Join us February 8 & 9 in Madison, WI. We are eager to engage in conversations about access to health care and coverage in Wisconsin. Hot topics for these two days include: **National Health Reform's Impact on Wisconsin & BadgerCare Plus Enrollment, Retention and Expansion.** Join workshops that discuss:

- Mental Health Parity
- Troubleshooting BadgerCare Plus
- Health Check Other Services
- Private Insurance Issues
- and much more!!



**Conference Dates:** Monday, February 8, 2010, 1:00pm-4:30pm (Evening Awards Reception 6:00pm-8:00pm); Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 8:30am-4:30pm

**Conference Agenda:** See our [most recent draft agenda](#) for a listing of workshops and plenary sessions

**Location:** Best Western Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll Street, Madison, WI

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## The Votes are In!

Join us at the HealthWatch Wisconsin Awards Ceremony **Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00pm-8:00pm** at the Best Western Inn on the Park, Top of the Park Ballroom. The reception will include comments from a few speakers, presentation of the awards, followed by hors d'ourves and mingling. The event will coincide with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Advocate of the Year
- Legislator of the Year (Senate & Assembly)
- Outstanding Media Coverage Award
- Outstanding Outreach Efforts Award

## Make your Lodging Arrangements Early!

### Plan on Staying at the Conference Hotel?

Conference participants are responsible for their own lodging accommodations. If you plan to stay at the conference hotel either the night of February 7, 8 or 9, please mention the **"HealthWatch Wisconsin Block of Rooms"** to get the discounted room rate of \$94.00 for rooms with one bed (1 to 2 people), \$104.00 for rooms with two beds (1 to 2 people), and \$134.00 for suites. Rates do not include taxes of 5.5% for the state or 9% for the city, if applicable. Hotel check-in time is after 3 p.m. and check-out time is before 12 p.m. Reservations can be made at the Inn on the Park by phone: (608) 285-8000 or (800) 279-8811. The rates quoted above are good for a limited time (through early January, 2010).

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