



Advocacy & Benefits Counseling

for HEALTH is a

Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to ensuring health care access for children and families, particularly those with special health care needs or who are at risk.

ABC for Health is dedicated to developing a nationally recognized, integrated model of Health Benefits Counseling, legal services and policy advocacy. ABC for Health strives to promote a universal system of health care coverage and access for all people. We also serve as a catalyst in the development of local HealthWatch Coalitions to influence public policy and opinion while also working to maximize all available health care coverage options.



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www.abcforhealth.org

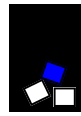
Helping Today...

There are few resources to help families both identify and advocate for health care coverage.

ABC for Health is unique in providing direct health benefits counseling and legal assistance to help families through the maze of coverage programs.

ABC for Health is committed to helping families get coverage and care when the health care system seems impenetrable.

Visit HealthWatch Wisconsin on the web!
www.healthwatchwisconsin.org



Health Benefits Counseling and Legal Services

▲ Our advocacy staff can help you locate health care coverage options for your family and advocate for you when a conflict arises.

▲ ABC for Health has legal staff to help you challenge health insurance claim denials, negotiate with creditors, and represent you in appeals before government agencies.



Coalition Building and Development



▲ HealthWatch Wisconsin is a complementary statewide effort that works with our local coalitions to identify and resolve problems of access to care and coverage and to improve the quality of health care for low-income families.

▲ ABC for Health and our partners have developed over nine HealthWatch coalitions that focus and amplify the voices of health care advocates and patients on health care coverage and access issues.

Building Tomorrow...

By supporting informed consumers and health care providers, ABC for Health works to identify, more efficiently and effectively, health care coverage options and avoid coverage hang-ups.

Our innovative tools and coverage strategies can be your link to more comprehensive coverage and better health care services.

ABC for Health is ready to be your partner and your link to health care coverage and services.



Training, Consultation, and Health System Research Training

▲ We offer comprehensive in-house training sessions for groups large and small, open-invitation conferences, and in-depth consultation to provide those interested in developing knowledge of health care coverage programs and their benefits counseling skills.

▲ ABC's website (www.abcforhealth.org) features fact sheets on financing resources, web versions of our newsletters, and links to vital info for the health benefits counselor.

▲ Casework at ABC for Health works to translate our case-level insights into strategies for change by taking an active advocacy role in public policy debates at both the state and national level.

Wondering how to pay for your family's health care?

ABC for Health provides Health Benefits Counseling for families. This service includes information and problem-solving for families having difficulty paying for health care or having problems with insurance, HMOs or public benefits programs that provide health care coverage. Legal services are provided free or on a sliding fee scale.

Who is eligible for ABC services?

▲ Families with children through age 18 who have chronic or terminal illnesses or disabilities.

When should I call?

▲ When you do not know how to get health care coverage.

▲ When your health insurance company denies services.

▲ When you have been denied Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus coverage or benefits.

▲ When you have a complaint against your HMO.

▲ When you have been denied health insurance coverage or had your insurance cancelled.

▲ When you have medical bills you cannot pay.

▲ When you do not understand your health insurance policy of Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus benefits.

▲ When you feel your rights as a health consumer have been violated.

What services do ABC for Health counselors provide?

▲ Information about sources of financial assistance for medical or dental care.

▲ Assistance in getting eligibility and benefits under the Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus program.

▲ Assistance in filing complaints and appeals.

▲ Consultation about your rights and obligations under your health insurance plan.

▲ Referral for legal services from ABC for Health attorneys and others.

ABC for Health counselors will:

▲ Offer counseling services that are free and confidential.

▲ Help you apply for health care coverage.

▲ Help you find ways to pay medical debt.

▲ Help you fight a private insurance, Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus denial.



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ABC for Rural Health adds a rural dimension to our services and expertise, and brings us close to the diverse urban and rural communities of Wisconsin.

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