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Avoid Late Fees and Register Today!

3rd Annual HealthWatch WI Conference

So you don't forget, [submit your registration](#) today!!

What: 3rd Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference



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

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

Register: [Click Here](#) to Register Online -or- Download our Conference [Registration Form](#). You can fax registration forms to (608) 261-6938, ATTN: HWW Conference

Theme: Access to health care and coverage in Wisconsin. Hot topics for these two days: what are the prospects for National Health Reform, and what could be the impact on Wisconsin & BadgerCare Plus Enrollment, Retention and Expansion. Join workshops that discuss: Mental Health Parity; Troubleshooting BadgerCare Plus; HealthCheck Other Services; Private Insurance Issues; and much more!!

Conference Agenda: [Click to View](#)

Included With Your Registration: By registering for the conference as a member of HealthWatch Wisconsin, you receive:

- Publications—**12 publications valued at over \$185.00**, including "My Health Insurance Guidebook for

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Episode 14: "Elements of Patient Advocacy in National Health Reform Bills"

Episode 13: BadgerCare Plus Core Plan and Health Care Reform

Episode 12: Health Reform and Campaign Finance Reform

Episode 11: Access to Health Care--A

2010," "2010 Resources Guide," "2010 Guide To Free and Reduced Cost Care in WI," "2010 AdvoKit," "2010 Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus Programs Chart," and more!

- All the conference materials, powerpoint presentations and handouts saved to CD
- Membership in a group committed to advancing public health and access to care in Wisconsin!

First Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Awards!

Congratulations, Winners!!

The inaugural recipients of the HealthWatch Wisconsin Awards:

- Advocate of the Year: **Julie Baryluk**, Polk County Health Department
- Outstanding Outreach Effort of the Year: **Kris Peterka**, Riverwest Initiative, Milwaukee
- Outstanding Media: **Shamane Mills**, Wisconsin Public Radio
- Legislator of the Year: Senate: **Sen. Mark Miller** (Monona); Assembly: **Rep. Donna Seidel** (Wausau)

What: The ceremony to honor these individuals doing outstanding work in the field of public health will coincide with the 3rd Annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference.

When: Join us Monday, February 8, 2010, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Best Western Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll Street, Madison, WI, Top of the Park Ballroom.

Agenda: We'll celebrate with our winners and hear special remarks from Wisconsin's Department of Health Services Secretary Timmerlake and ABC for Health's Executive Director Bobby Peterson.

RSVP: If you plan to attend the entire conference, please [register for the conference](#) by the end of the day February 1st. If you intend to come just for the awards reception, please [RSVP to Brynne](#) at ABC for Health.

Make your Lodging Arrangements Early!

Plan on Staying at the Conference Hotel?

Conference participants are responsible for their own lodging

Moral Imperative

Episode 10: A Public Option

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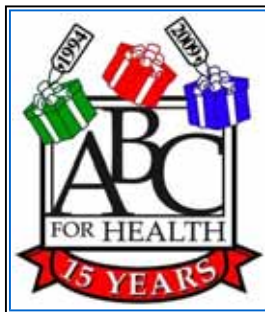
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accommodations. If you plan to stay at the conference hotel either the night of February 7, 8 or 9, please mention the **"HealthWatch Wisconsin Block of Rooms"** to get the discounted room rate of \$94.00 for rooms with one bed (1 to 2 people), \$104.00 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 as long as there are rooms available in the block!!

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