

## Medicaid Threats & Medical Debt Symposium

*Strategies. Stories. Solutions.*

### AGENDA

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 8:30am - noon

Madison Central Public Library

<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Registration Opens – light breakfast refreshments will be available.</i>
<b>8:30am-8:35am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>
<b>8:35am-9:10am</b>	<b>Medicaid Under Threat</b> – ABC for Health’s Atty. Brynne McBride reviews potential threats to Medicaid & BadgerCare Plus, health coverage programs relied on by almost 1 in every 5 people in Wisconsin. Recent executive orders, budget proposals, and proposed rules could reduce access to care, increased medical debt, uncompensated care, and worsened health.
<b>9:10am-9:15am</b>	<b>Patient Story</b> –Confronting medical bills and debt.
<b>9:15am-9:55am</b>	<b>Elected Officials Panel</b> – We welcome Rep. Lisa Subeck and County Executive Melissa Agard, elected officials from Dane County to share their perspectives on current, proposed threats to Medicaid, medical debt realities for their constituents, and strategies to improve access to health for our loved ones, neighbors, and friends. Moderated by Brynne McBride
<b>9:55am-10:00am</b>	<b>Patient Story</b> –Confronting medical bills and debt.
<b>10:00am-10:15am</b>	<b>Short Break</b>
<b>10:15am-10:45am</b>	<b>Assessing the Health Needs of the Community</b> –Sheila Olk Martin, Specialty Care Free Clinic and Joanna Anderson, Madison Street Medicine talk about free and charitable clinics and the needs of the lowest income members of our community. Then, ABC for Health’s Atty. Bobby Peterson outlines federal requirements of a “Community Health Needs Assessment” (CHNA). He highlights elements of ABC’s recommendations for improvements in hospital collection practices and the need for better, proactive patient assistance in these challenging times. ABC for Health’s Atty. Tim Hennigan shares specific examples from ABC’s report.
<b>10:45am-11:15am</b>	<b>Hospital Financial Assistance Policies &amp; Practices</b> – ABC seeks CHNA review and process improvement to promote improved access to health care and improved community health.
<b>11:15am-11:20am</b>	<b>Patient Story</b> –Confronting medical bills and debt.
<b>11:20am-11:55am</b>	<b>Medical Debt, Collections, &amp; Credit Reporting of Debt: A Public Health Crisis</b> – Speakers identify the magnitude of the medical debt burden in Dane County, Wisconsin, and the nation. They review ideas to help our community address changing times and to promote proactive strategies to help patients avoid collections and connect to needed health care coverage and highlight our updated Fighting Forward Guide!
<b>11:55am-12:00am</b>	<b>Closing Comments</b>



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