

*2009 Annual Conference of the
Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council*

Health Reform for People with Disabilities

Health care reform is the talk of the nation and people with disabilities have a big stake in the current debate to make quality, affordable health care available for all Americans.

Why is this issue so important?

Major health care reform must address the needs of more than 54 million Americans with disabilities, such as:

- Pre-existing conditions
- Affordability
- Portability
- Preventive services
- Cost caps
- Long-term care

People with disabilities are uniquely qualified to speak about chronic conditions, and the inefficiencies and exclusions of the current health care system. People with disabilities and advocates should bring solutions to the table that strengthen health care efforts for all. Join us on October 27!



Co-hosts:

*Nisonger Center,
The Ohio State University*

Ohio Legal Rights Service

*University Center of Excellence
in Developmental Disabilities,
University of Cincinnati*

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Hyatt Regency Hotel
350 N. High St. • Columbus OH 43215



PROGRAM

9:00 Registration/coffee/displays

10:00 **Welcome**

Peter Keiser, Chair, DD Council, Cincinnati

Opening Remarks

Emcee: Tim Harrington, Executive Director,
The Ability Center of Greater Toledo

National Perspective: What's in the health reform proposals?

U.S. Representative Mary Jo Kilroy, Ohio's
15th District, Columbus

How will the proposals be funded?

Col Owens, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Society
of Southwest Ohio, Cincinnati

Ohio Perspective: How will the budget affect health care?

Cathy Levine, Executive Director, UCHAN,
Columbus

Mary Jo Hudson, Director, Ohio Department
of Insurance, Columbus

12:00 **Lunch**

Presentation by

Tim Freeman, M.D., Cincinnati

Announcement of DD Council's Advocacy Award

1:00 **Panel Presentation: Individuals with disabilities discuss specific health reform issues & health professionals offer models and options**

Transitional health care

Kathy Bachmann, Parent, BCMH, Ohio
Department of Health, Columbus

Dr. Renee Rodrigues, Medical Director, TrYAD
Clinic, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Dental care

Deanna Hasty, Self-advocate, People First,
Mt. Vernon

Carrie Massie, Dental Program Director, CAO
Center for Dental Wellness, Portsmouth

Accessibility

Renee Wood, DD Council Member, Toledo
David Cameron, Chair, Columbus
Advisory Council on Disability Issues

Prevention

Linda Kunick, Self-advocate, People First,
Cincinnati

Susan Havercamp, Associate Professor,
Nisonger Center, Columbus

Medicaid coverage

John Conyers, Self-advocate, Columbus

Accommodations & disability awareness

Stephanie Bowman, Outreach Coordinator,
SARNCO, Columbus

Barbara Corner, Attorney, Ohio Legal Rights
Service, Columbus

Coordination of care

Brenda Curtiss, Executive Director, SILC,
Columbus

Disability Perspective: How does proposed reform affect people with disabilities?

Holly Pendell, Advocacy Coordinator,
Buckeye Chapter MS Society, Columbus

Betsy Johnson, Associate Executive Director,
NAMI, Columbus

Beverly Johnson, Executive Director,
Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio,
Columbus

What is our role? How can people with disabilities advocate for improved health reform?

Carolyn Knight, Director, DD Council, Columbus

Holly Pendell, Advocacy Coordinator,
Buckeye Chapter MS Society, Columbus

3:45 **Next steps/Close**

(Program is subject to change.)

Questions? Contact:

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Health Reform for People with Disabilities

Registration Form

Complete one form for each person registering.

Registration fee: \$35 includes lunch.

A limited number of scholarships are available for people with disabilities and family members. Register early.

- I am enclosing a check or purchase order for \$35 made payable to: *AXIS Center*
- I am requesting a scholarship to cover the registration fee. I understand that I will be notified within three days of AXIS receiving my request.
- To participate in the conference, I require an attendant to accompany me. I understand that my attendant can attend at no charge.

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Address _____

City/zip _____

Daytime phone _____

Email _____

Attendant's name (if applicable) _____

Financial assistance

A limited amount of funding will be reimbursed on a first-come basis to assist people with disabilities in coming to the event. Please estimate the amount you will need. You will be notified before the conference about approval of your request.

- _____ miles at \$.45/mile \$ _____
- Attendant: _____ hours at \$11/hour \$ _____

Mail completed Registration Form with payment or request for scholarship to:

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249 East Cooke Rd.
Columbus OH 43214

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- Other, describe _____

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