

You know how it goes. You meet someone—at a party, at church, at your kid’s school—and you tell them you work on health care. And they go off. They’re angry. They’re frustrated. They’re scared. And, most of all, they want someone to *do* something. And we—you and your colleagues from across the country—are that “someone” who’s going to help make sure that health care gets fixed.

- ◆ When the newly elected Congress comes to town in January 2007, we have to make sure they hear those angry, frustrated voices ... and get to work on solving the problems.
- ◆ When your new Governor is sworn in, we have to make sure he or she knows that health care is a high priority.
- ◆ And the next time someone sounds off to you about our broken health care system, we have to make sure that person signs up to help.

We have a lot to do. And to face those challenges, we need to come together. To learn from each other. To share ideas. To build our skills. And to build our community.

So join us at Health Action 2007.

Health Action 2007 will begin on Thursday, January 25 at 9 am. **Sen. Barack Obama** will be the opening speaker and **Uwe Reinhardt**, leading healthcare economist and Professor of Economics & Public Affairs at Princeton University, will speak shortly thereafter. The conference ends on Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 pm after a rousing speech by **The Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar**, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. Also invited are Senators John Edwards, Evan Bayh, John McCain, and Russ Feingold; Representatives Sherrod Brown and Ben Cardin; Governors Tom Vilsak and Mitt Romney; radio personality and political commentator Al Franken; and a host of others.

The conference will be chock full of plenaries and workshops on a wide range of issues and topics, including: Re-designing Medicaid, Medical Debt, State Expansions, Health Disparities, Medicare Part D, DRA, Consumers and Quality, Private Insurance, Reducing Minority Health Disparities, Developing and Maintaining Relationships with Donors, The Budget Fight, Federal Threats to Health Insurance Regulations, NIH and Funding for Drug Research, Media Messaging, Web Design 101, Working with the Faith Community, Web Advocacy, Fundraising, Views from the Hill, Blogging, Immigrants and Immigration, SCHIP, Medicare Financing, Using Policy and Advocacy to Fight Health Care Disparities, and many more.

The conference won't be all work. There's a special cabaret performance by the famous satirists, The Capitol Steps, on Thursday evening from 8-9 pm and a Dance & Dessert Party on Friday evening from 8-11 pm. So join us at **Health Action 2007**.

To keep up with current developments on the agenda and workshops, go to www.familiesusa.org.

There is a **Special Early Bird Registration** fee of \$315 available until December 18. After that, registration is \$365. Fee includes three lunches; afternoon snacks; three continental breakfasts; the dessert and dance party; the Tool Kit—and a great meeting of people like you, working for justice and health care for all of us.

The conference will be held at the **Renaissance Mayflower Hotel** in **Washington, DC**. There is a special conference rate of \$165 per room (single or double) plus taxes until December 30. (After that date, you may have to pay a higher rate if a room is available.) If more than two people share a room, add \$30 per person, with a maximum of 5 occupants. You must guarantee your reservation with a credit card. (Reservations may be canceled without penalty prior to 4:00pm EST on the day of arrival.) Make your reservations directly with the hotel. Call 202-347-3000 or 1-800-HOTELS1. The Mayflower Hotel has accessible rooms. If you need an accessible or a non-smoking room, tell the hotel when you make your reservation. Be sure to tell them you're with the **Health Action 2007** conference to get the special room rate. **Looking for a roommate?** Check off the appropriate box on the registration form and let us know if we can give your name and number to other advocates who want to share a room.

Cancellation/refund policy: Conference registration fees will be refunded (less a \$25 processing fee) for written cancellation requests mailed or faxed no later than January 6, 2007. Refunds will not be issued for conference no shows. If you are unable to attend and wish to send a substitute, you may do so at no charge, as long as you let us know. (Note: if you reserved a room, you must call the hotel directly to cancel.)

Health Action 2007 Conference Registration Form

January 25-27, 2007 - Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC

(Call the hotel for reservations: 202-347-3000, tell them you're with Health Action 2007)

Early Bird Registration: \$315 (Deadline: December 18, 2007), Regular Registration: \$365

Name: _____ Nametag (if different): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Make check payable to Families USA Foundation and mail it with this form to:

Families USA Conference, 1201 New York Ave., NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005.

To register and pay by credit card, go to www.familiesusa.org and click on Annual Conference. For more information, contact Joan Eisner at 202-628-3030 or jeisner@familiesusa.org.

(To help us serve you better, please fill out the bottom of this form.)

New Health Action 2007 Minority Health Track

I am interested in attending the Minority Health Track sessions.

Hotel Information

I am reserving a room at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel (202-347-3000 or 1-800-HOTELS1).
(Room reservations must be received by the hotel by Dec. 30 to ensure availability and rate.)

I am making other arrangements for accommodations.

I would like to share a hotel room with another advocate: Smoking Non-Smoking
(You may give my name and number to others looking for a roommate.)

Special Accommodations

I require the following to fully participate in the conference (include dietary or other restrictions):

Dress for the conference is casual. Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.

Cosponsors of Health Action 2007


as of November 10, 2007

Health Action 2007 is organized by the national health consumer group, Families USA, and cosponsored by a wide range of other organizations from the health reform community.

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