



Homecare workers and our allies rally in Salem for health care reform.

Health Care Reform Can't Wait

If we're going to fix our economy, we must fix America's broken health care system - we cannot afford to wait. As care providers we know first hand how our health care system impacts families, both ours and our clients'. SEIU members are fighting to make sure that people who like their current coverage will be able to keep it, but if you can't afford coverage or if your choices are too limited or unaffordable, then you can choose an affordable public option. We also need to make sure that those who cannot afford coverage get the assistance they need to cover their premium and out of pocket costs.

When members of Congress return to work, their first agenda item will be health care reform. We need to make sure that we send them back to Washington with a clear message - we need affordable health care and we need it now! The only way we can do this is by calling, attending town hall meetings and encouraging our fellow union members to do the same. Call today for health care reform: 1-800-603-SEIU (7348).



Honoring Scott Lay

Homecare Local 99 honors the life of Scott Lay who most recently served as the chair of the Oregon Home Care Commission. Scott passed away on July 31, 2009, but will forever be remembered as a fierce and intelligent advocate for seniors and people with disabilities and his kind regard for homecare workers.

Calling All Potential Stewards

Stewards are our union's leadership link in a specific neighborhood, town or region of the state.

Homecare stewards' duties are:

- **Build the union by maintaining two-way communication with other homecare workers** through new worker orientations and trainings, house visits, phone calls, regional meetings and more.
- **Build political power** through activities such as CAPE sign-ups, lobby days, voter registration, and election activity.
- **Work with the Resource Line** to understand your contract and agency rules, recognize potential grievances, document facts and keep good records, help other homecare workers problem solve, follow-up with workers who have used the resource line to bring them into union activities.

Have you participated in some of these activities and are you interested in getting more active? **Download a homecare steward form at <http://www.seiu503.org/care/homecare/Default.aspx> or call Joan Warnock at 1-800-452-2146 X218 to request a steward form be mailed to you. Please return your application Attn: Joan Warnock at PO Box 12159, Salem, OR 97309.**

Meeting Notice

The homecare local will vote on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws at the Homecare Council meeting on October 17th at the Salem Union Hall, 1730 Commercial St. SE. All union meetings are open to all members. For more information visit our website at www.seiu503.org/care/homecare/Default.aspx or contact the Homecare Council Director in your area for more details.