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## **Darcy Shargo Joins Consumer Health Advocacy Group**

(Augusta) Maine's largest consumer health organization, Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC), is pleased to announce that Darcy Shargo has joined our staff as a Health Policy Advocate.

Darcy will primarily be responsible for health care and coverage research and policy analyses; collaborating and communicating with Coalition partners; and serving as the Maine Cardiovascular Health Program policy analyst. In addition she may assist with lobbying, staffing policy subcommittees and coalition recruitment.

"It's great to be at the forefront of efforts to impact meaningful health care reform that, hopefully, will translate into relief for the people that need it most. I am excited to be at Consumers for Affordable Health Care and to be a part of work that will help us achieve quality, affordable health care for all Maine people," says Darcy Shargo.

Darcy has worked on health care outreach, policy and advocacy issues since coming to Maine in 2000. Before joining CAHC, Darcy served for a year as the Executive Director of a sexual assault support center in central Maine. Prior to that, she served in state government with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services and was the Health Care Access Program Manager at the Maine Primary Care Association.

At the MPCA, she led a number of statewide initiatives, including a Robert Wood Johnson project to increase enrollment of eligible Mainers into the state's Medicaid program. She also oversaw a statewide training effort to help health care providers navigate the new Medicare prescription drug benefit.

A native of northern Minnesota, Darcy has an undergraduate degree in German and Russian and a graduate degree in Writing.

Consumers for Affordable Health Care is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that has been helping Maine people get quality, affordable health care for more than 20 years. If you have any public or private insurance questions please call our toll free HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476.

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