

Women Win with the New Health Care Law

The new law lowers costs for women and their families...

- It prohibits insurers from placing a dollar limit on how much coverage is available over a patient's lifetime.
- It prohibits insurers from charging women more than men for the same coverage.
- It makes preventive care available free-of-charge, and requires health plans to include maternity care.

"When I learned I had breast cancer, I was determined to beat it.

But I feared running out of my insurance benefit.

What a relief to learn that lifetime caps on benefits are no longer allowed!"

"Our baby, Max, was born with a bleeding disorder, making minor bruises life-threatening. We were afraid that our insurance would refuse to cover him.

It's so good to know that insurance companies can no longer deny children coverage because of pre-existing conditions."

The new health care law improves health care for women and children...

- It prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage due to a pre-existing condition – starting in 2010 for children and teens, and in 2014 for adults.
- It prevents insurers from canceling policies when someone gets sick.
- It allows children to stay on their parents' insurance until they turn 26.

The new law improves women's access to quality care...

- It requires all new health plans to allow women to visit the OB/GYN of their choice without first needing a referral.
- It invests in primary care to grow the number of family doctors across the country.
- In 2012, insurance companies must start using standardized forms so that doctors will spend less time on complex paperwork and more time with patients.

"I really appreciate that the new law will let me see the OB/GYN of MY choice--and without needing an advance referral."

"I heard the new law will create new options for health insurance for my family.

We may keep our current plan, but I look forward to seeing what the new options are.

Plus, the tax credits will help us keep good health insurance."

The new law will help families afford good insurance...

- It will create one-stop shopping for good insurance for families and businesses through new insurance exchanges, or marketplaces (by 2014).
- It will provides tax credits to help families purchase good, quality insurance of their choice (by 2014).
- It now provides tax credits enables small businesses to qualify today for tax credits to help buy and keep good insurance for their employees.

And don't forget....

- The new health care law requires Members of Congress to get their health care coverage from the same plans as millions of Americans. ***Finally, we're all in this together.***

**Learn more about the new health care law at: www.HealthCare.gov
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