

What does Health Care Reform mean for **WOMEN'S HEALTH?**

What does health care reform mean for women's health insurance?

- Insurance companies may no longer charge women higher insurance rates than men, like they did before health care reform.
- Mammograms, bone density, diabetes and other screenings are now free to women enrolled in Medicare.

How does health care reform affect my family's health care coverage?

- Children up to the age of 26 remain on their parents' family insurance policy.
- No child under the age of 18 can be denied insurance coverage because they have a pre-existing condition.
- Women may choose to buy a policy that includes abortion coverage, but they will have to pay a separate premium for that – federal subsidies cannot be used for abortion coverage.

Who pays for contraception and other reproductive choices?

- Women must be free to make their own health care decisions.
- Contraceptive services must be part of any comprehensive health insurance plan. Religious institutions that object to covering contraceptive services on moral grounds can offer insurance plans with a wide range of women's health options. These employers will not have to pay for contraception portions of the plan. Instead, their insurance companies will cover these portions.
- This bill continues existing law, which prohibits federal funding of abortions except in the case of rape, incest or to save the life of the woman.

Senator Tester Fights for Reproductive Rights

- Supports evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention that teaches medically accurate sex education
- Co-sponsored an amendment to do away with the global gag rule, which cuts off U.S. funding to international organizations which provide family planning services in developing countries
- Supports family planning (Title X) funding in addition to Planned Parenthood programs that provide primary care, cancer screenings, as well as birth control
- Co-sponsored an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2011 that would have allowed overseas servicewomen and military dependents to use military health insurance to receive abortion services in the case of sexual assault
- Voted to confirm two pro-choice female United States Supreme Court Justices: Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan

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