

AGENDA
Women and Health Reform Monthly Conference Call Series
Hosted by the National Women's Law Center
February 14, 2008
(2nd Thursday of each Month)
1pm EST

1. Welcome, Introductions & review purpose of calls

Lisa Codispoti, National Women's Law Center

2. "Spotlight." What can we learn from past and current efforts

a. Lessons from '93-'94

Judy Waxman, Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights, National Women's Law Center. Many comparisons have been made to the last major effort at health reform in this country: 1993-94. While there are many similarities, there are many differences as well. What can women's advocates learn from our last major effort at health reform, and what role did women's groups play in that effort?

b. Update on California health reform

Jessica Rothhaar, Executive Committee Member, Women's Working Group on Universal Health Care; Northern California Organizer, Health Access Foundation. Health reform efforts in California have stalled after the Senate Health Committee rejected a health reform package that reflected a compromise between the Governor and Assembly Speaker. We'll hear the latest on where things stand, and what women's advocates can learn from their experience.

3. Question of the Month: Pregnancy as a pre-existing condition.

Emily Blistein –Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. As Vermont is implementing Catamount Health, Vermont's plan towards health reform, the legislature considered making pregnancy a pre-existing condition. We'll learn about what happened in Vermont, and this issue more broadly.

4. Updates, announcements, future calls:

- March 13, 2008 1pm EST
- April 10, 2008 1pm EST

To register for conference calls: <http://action.nwlc.org/healthcarereform>

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