

## CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA

April 10, 2008 1pm EST

(2nd Thursday of each Month)

Hosted by the National Women's Law Center

### 1. Welcome & Introduction

*Lisa Codispoti, Senior Advisor, National Women's Law Center*

### 2. Issues for Women & Health Care Reform

**a. Health disparities and women of color**—*Jennifer Ng'andu, Associate Director, Health Policy Project, National Council of La Raza (jngandu@nclr.org)*. Women face many challenges accessing health care; these challenges are even more acute for women of color so any plan for comprehensive health reform must address health disparities. Hear about health disparities and women of color, and what federal and state policy options we can support to address these inequalities.

#### Background/Resources:

- Backgrounder on HR3014, The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2007, and letter of support to Congress for groups to sign-on (both attached)
- "Moving Beyond Access: Achieving Equity In State Health Care Reform", Brian D. Smedley, Health Affairs, March/April 2008 (attached)
- "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" If you haven't been able to catch episodes of this 4-week series, transcripts and supporting materials are available at <http://www.pbs.org/unnaturalcauses/>

**b. Direct care workers: a picture of uninsured women**—*Tameshia Bridges, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Healthcare for Health Care Workers (TBridges@PHInational.org)*. Women make up 90% of the direct care workforce (which includes nursing home and home health care workers) and face higher rates of uninsurance than women in general. Hear about the challenges these women face in accessing health care, and some creative models that states and localities have adopted to meet these challenges.

#### Background/Resources:

- Coverage Models from the States: Strategies for expanding health care coverage to the direct-care workforce (<http://www.hchcw.org/uploads/pdfs/Coverage%20Models%20from%20the%20States.pdf>)
- Expanding Coverage for Caregivers: A checklist for state health reform (<http://www.hchcw.org/uploads/pdfs/HCHCW%20PolicyBrief2.pdf>)

### 3. Updates, Announcements, Future Calls

**a. Amy Allina, National Women's Health Network**, re: Raising Women's Voices Conference, April 17-18 Boston ([aallina@womenshealthnetwork.org](mailto:aallina@womenshealthnetwork.org) & <http://www.raisingwomensvoices.net/>)

# Reform Matters

**b. Kim Bailey, Families USA**, re: Dying for Coverage reports (coming to a state near you!) (kbailey@familiesusa.org & <http://www.familiesusa.org/> )

**c. Future Reform Matters Conference Calls**

- May 8, 2008 1pm EST
- June 12, 2008 1pm EST

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

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