



# Reform Matters

Making Real Progress for Women and Health Care

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### **CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA**

***Hosted by the National Women's Law Center***

***June 12, 2008***

***(2nd Thursday of each Month)***

***1pm EST***

#### **1. Welcome & Introduction**

*Lisa Codispoti, National Women's Law Center*

#### **2. Issues regarding Women and Health Reform: Access to Health Care for Women with**

**Disabilities** *Margaret A. Nosek, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Research on Women with Disabilities, Baylor College of Medicine.* Women with disabilities face additional challenges. According to the Center, "the combined effect of unemployment, poverty, and single marital status make women with disabilities much less likely to have private health insurance than non-disabled women." Learn about the challenges women with disabilities face with our current health care system, and what we as advocates can do to ensure health reform addresses these challenges.

#### **3. "Spotlight" on the states: Divorce Health Access Laws**

- *Annie Farnsworth, PhD, Executive Director, New Hampshire Women's Lobby*
- *Wendy Love, Executive Director, Vermont Women's Commission*

As women are more likely to have employer-sponsored insurance through their spouses, divorce is a common reason why women lose health insurance. Furthermore, women who need their health coverage stay married in order to keep their health coverage. Learn about divorce health access legislation, which attempt to address this issue by allowing a divorcing spouse to keep their health insurance.

#### **4. Updates, announcements, future calls:**

- July 10, 2008 1pm EST
- August 14, 2008 1pm EST

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

To suggest future agenda topics, or make an announcement on a call, please contact Lisa Codispoti, at 202-588-5180 or [lcodispoti@nwlc.org](mailto:lcodispoti@nwlc.org)