



2010 Women's Health Report Card:

Are We Moving in the Right Direction?

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Overview of the Presentation

- About the Report Card
- Looking Back: 2000-2010
- Key Findings from 2010
- Moving Forward
 - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
 - Healthy People 2020 and other Initiatives



POLLING QUESTION

Please tell us a little bit about yourself. Pick the answer that best describes you:

- National or State Advocate
- Government Official/Staff
- Health Researcher
- Health Care Provider or Administrator
- Interested Individual
- Other



About the Report Card

- Presents a comprehensive and integrated list of women's health concerns
- Grades and ranks the nation and states on 26 health status indicators for women
 - Goals primarily set using Healthy People 2010
 Objectives
- Evaluates strength of 68 policy indicators related to women's health





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Ten-Year National Review

Health Status Indicators	2000	2010	
Progress			
Smoking (%)	20.8	16.8	
Colorectal Cancer Screenings (%)	37.7	61.8	
Coronary Heart Disease Death (per 100,000)	148.1	118.9	
Decline			
Pap Smears (%)	84.9	78	
Obese (%)	19.8	26.4	
High Blood Pressure (%)	23.6	27.7	
Binge Drinking (%)	6.7	10.6	





Progress Since 2000: Common Factors

- Federal policies and resources
- State policy change
- Public education and awareness

States Meeting Anti-smoking Policy Goals, 2000-2010

Policy Goal	2000	2010
Medicaid coverage of smoking cessation treatment	6	31
Sales rate of tobacco products to minors	3	22
Excise tax on cigarettes	3	30





2010 Key Findings





National Performance: Health Status

- National Grade: Unsatisfactory
- 3 benchmarks met:
 - Women receiving mammograms
 - Colorectal screenings
 - Annual dental visits
- 23 benchmarks missed



POLLING QUESTION

Which health status benchmark was met by all the states and DC?

- High blood pressure
- Colorectal cancer screenings
- Infant mortality rate
- Mammograms
- Physical activity



State Performance: Health Status

Status Indicators <u>Met</u> by All States	Status Indicators <i>Missed</i> by All States
Annual Dental Visits	Health Insurance
Colorectal Cancer Screenings	Poverty
	Obesity
	Wage Gap
	Pap Smears
	Eating Five Fruits and Vegetables a Day
	High Blood Pressure
	Diabetes
	Infant Mortality
	Chlamydia
	Life Expectancy



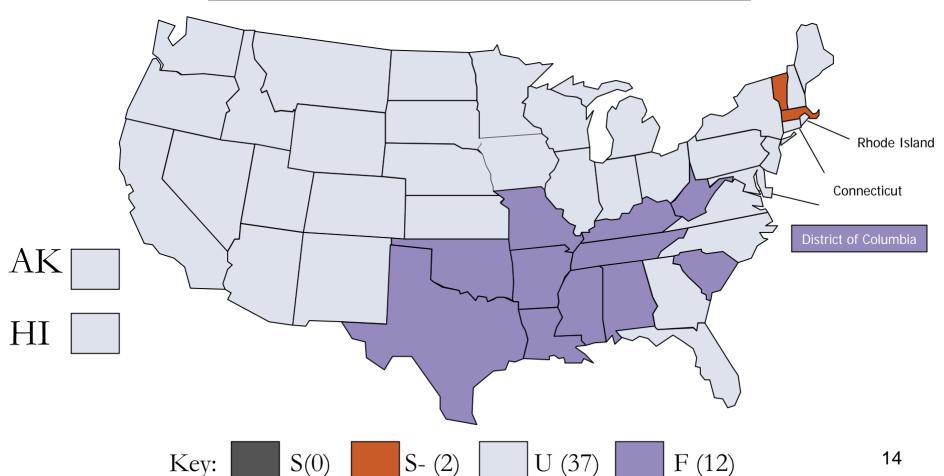
Health Status Varies by State

- Top-Ranked: Vermont, Massachusetts, Hawaii
- Bottom-Ranked: Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas

Status Indicator	Best	Worst
Coronary Heart Disease Death Rate (per	60.9	174.8
100,000 women)	(HI)	(DC)
Obesity (%)	19.4	36.8
	(CO)	(MS)
Diabetes (%)	5	12.9
	(AK)	(WV)



2010 Overall State Grades







State Performance: Policies to Improve Women's Health

- Leading: California, New Jersey, Massachusetts
- Last: Mississippi, Idaho, South Dakota

Policy Goals Met by All States	Policy Goals Met by Very Few States
Medicaid Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment	Abortion Clinic Access Protected (no states)
Nutrition Education for Food Stamp Recipients	Gender Rating in All Group Health Insurance (1 state)





Moving Forward: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act





The Promise of the Affordable Care Act

ACA addresses two-thirds of the Report Card's 68 health policies

Fully Addressed	Partially Addressed	Not Addressed
Medicaid eligibility	Contraceptive coverage	• Pharmacy refusals
• Medicaid asset test	• Medicaid Family Planning	• Reproductive health clinic
• Insurance regulation	waiver	access
(individual market)	• Diabetes-related services	 Public funding for
 Mental health parity 	 Medicaid smoking 	abortion
• Patient protections in	cessation coverage	• Family and medical leave
managed care	•Sex education	• Minimum wage
 Preventive screening 	• Discrimination against	• Gun control (licensing,
coverage	domestic violence	safe storage, concealed
	survivors	carry)



Coverage Expansions

Primary Ways the ACA Expands Coverage:

- Medicaid
- New "Health Insurance Exchanges" and federal subsidies

HRC Policy Goal: Cover working parents with incomes at or above 200% of the 2009 FPL

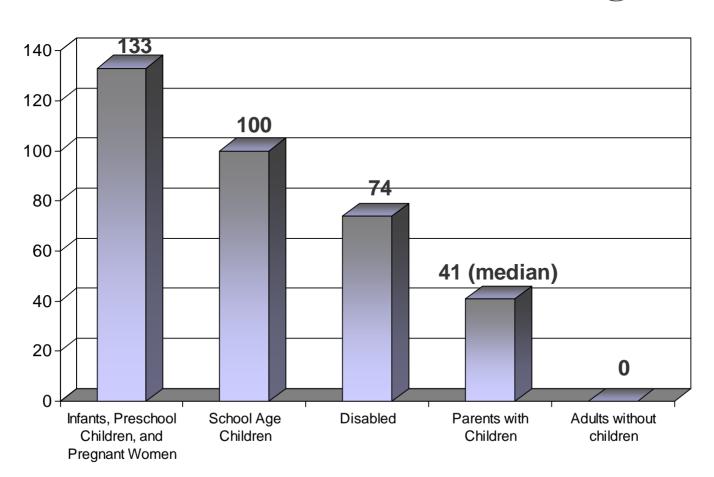
- Medicaid expansion to all people with incomes up to 133% of the FPL
- Those with incomes between 133% and 400% of poverty eligible for subsidies to purchase private coverage in new "Health Insurance Exchanges"

HRC Policy Goal: Eliminate the asset test for parents in Medicaid

Eliminates asset testing for almost all Medicaid applicants by 2014

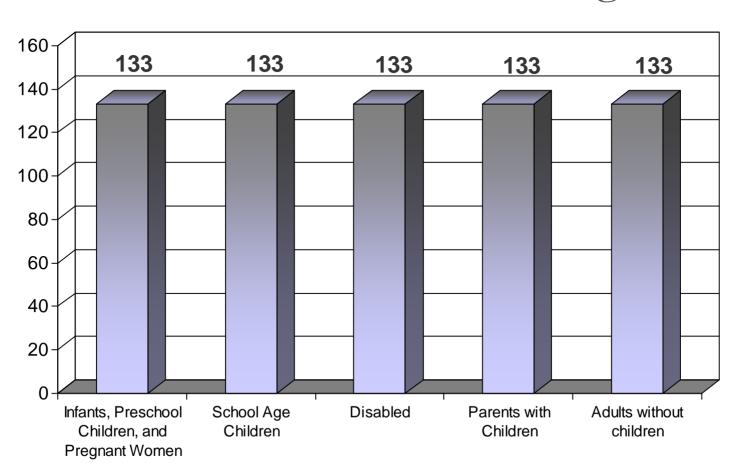


Current Medicaid Coverage





2014 Medicaid Coverage







Health Insurance Reforms

The ACA bans practices that made health insurance inaccessible for many women.

HRC Policy Goal: Guarantee the accessibility of individual health plans

 Insurers must "guarantee issue" to all who apply and cannot use pre-existing condition exclusions

HRC Policy Goal: Prohibit private insurance companies from considering gender when determining health insurance premiums for individuals and groups of all sizes

 Insurers are prohibited from charging individuals and small groups more based on gender





Coverage for Specific Health Services

The ACA Requires Coverage for Many Important Health Services for Women.

HRC Policy Goal: Require private insurance companies to provide coverage for maternity care

 Small group and individual health plans must cover a set of "essential health benefits" e.g. maternity care, mental health care, prescription drugs (among others)

HRC Policy Goal: Require private insurers to cover annual Pap smears/Chlamydia screening/mammograms/bone density tests

 New health plans must cover recommended preventive services with no copayments or deductibles





Access to Reproductive Health Services

The ACA expands access to several reproductive health services for women, but imposes unnecessary requirements on abortion coverage.

HRC Policy Goal: Allow private insurers to cover abortion services without restrictions

 Private Exchange-based insurance plans may cover abortion but then must collect 2 payments from enrollees and segregate a portion of premiums

HRC Policy Goal: Expand coverage for family planning services through Medicaid

 States have the flexibility to expand family planning services without having to obtain a federal waiver





Other Improvements in the ACA

The ACA includes many other provisions that will improve the health and well-being of women and their families.

HRC Policy Goal: Protect against impoverishment for "community" spouses of nursing home residents under Medicaid

 States must extend spousal impoverishment protections to spouses of Medicaid home and community-based long-term care services

HRC Policy Goal: Provide adequate funding for tobacco prevention activities

- Funding for disease prevention/health promotion in areas of smoking cessation, proper nutrition, regular exercise, obesity reduction



Healthy People 2020

- Newly released (www.healthypeople.gov)
- New framework
 - Emphasis on social determinants of health
 - Life course view of health promotion/disease prevention
- New topic areas/objectives (examples)
 - LGBT health
 - Adolescent health
 - Older adults
- New targets for 2020



Other Initiatives in Women's Health

- HHS Coordinating Committee on Women's Health
 - Multi-phase initiative concluding with Summit for Action: the Health of Women and Girls Beyond 2010
- NIH Office on Research in Women's Health
 - Moving into the Future with New Dimensions and Strategies: A
 Vision for 2020 for Women's Health Research (strategic plan)
- HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau
 - Exploring outcome measures for women's health
- Institute of Medicine
 - Women's Health Research: Progress, Pitfalls, and Promise (report)





SURVEY QUESTION

(answers will not be displayed to participants)

After this webinar, I feel that my knowledge of the state of women's health in the U.S.:

- Improved greatly
- Improved somewhat
- Improved very little
- I don't feel I learned very much new at all





THANKS!

Please check out the entire 2010 Women's Health Report Card at:

http://hrc.nwlc.org