



**Status of
Women's Health
in Arizona**
GRADE: Unsatisfactory
RANK: 19th

ARIZONA

Focusing on Women's Health for Health Care Reform

Making the Grade on Women's Health: A National and State-by-State Report Card by the National Women's Law Center and Oregon Health & Science University finds that necessary health care is absent for too many women and better access to health insurance is needed.

Necessary health care is absent for too many women in Arizona.

- Almost one-quarter of Arizona women lack health insurance, which is worse than the national average of 18 percent.
- More than 40 percent of Hispanic women and 40 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native women are uninsured.
- 25 percent of women in the state do not receive prenatal care in their first trimester.
- More than 7 out of 100,000 women die during childbirth.

Given the high percentage of uninsured women, Arizona should enact policies to help women gain access to health coverage and care. While the state has made some progress in ensuring that low-income women receive care, there are considerably more steps to be taken.

- ♦ Arizona should raise Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women. Pregnant women earning more than \$22,836 (133% of the federal poverty level for a family of three) are not eligible for Medicaid coverage.
- ♦ Arizona should ensure presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. Pregnant women are not covered by Medicaid even as their applications are being processed.
- ♦ Arizona should improve health care access for non-English speakers. The state needs to adopt a comprehensive legal requirement to provide adequate interpretation and translation services.
- ♦ Arizona should pass health reform that would expand coverage for all.

The 2007 *Report Card* compares the nation and individual states to goals set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010 agenda. The health status of women across the country needs significant improvement.



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