



# Reform Matters

Making Real Progress for Women and Health Care

**CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA**  
Hosted by the National Women's Law Center  
April 16, 2009  
(2nd Thursday of each Month)  
1:00 PM EST

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Update on Congressional Activity and Momentum for Health Reform This Year**

- *Lisa Codispoti, National Women's Law Center*

**3. Strengthening Medicaid in Health Reform**

There is broad consensus that a newly reformed health system should build on the components of our current system, including Medicaid—the joint federal and state-funded health insurance program for certain low-income parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Medicaid is currently the largest source of health care funding for low-income people in the United States, and nearly 70 percent of the program's adult beneficiaries are women. Our first guest speaker will share recommendations for how, as part of comprehensive health reform, this critical program should be improved and expanded to meet the needs of women and their families.

- *Cindy Mann, Executive Director of the Georgetown Center for Children and Families*

**4. The Choice of a Public Health Insurance Plan**

For the remainder of the call, we'll focus on a concept that has received a considerable amount of attention in the ongoing national debate on health reform—the choice of a public health insurance plan. Our two guest speakers will describe what the choice of a public health insurance plan is, how it would fit into a reformed health care system, and why the choice of a public health insurance plan is such an important component of health reform that meets the needs of women.

- *Len Nichols, Director of Health Policy Program for New America Foundation*
- *Karen Davenport, Director of Health Policy for the Center for American Progress*

Supplementary materials for these presentations and discussion are available at:  
<http://nwlc.org/reformmatters/confcall.html>

**5. Updates, Announcements, Future Calls:**

- Monthly Reform Matters Calls
  - May 14, 2009, 1:00 PM
  - June 11, 2009, 1:00 PM

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