MICHIGAN
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.

Many women in Michigan lack necessary health care.

- Nearly three-quarters of a million women in Michigan are uninsured.

- 15 percent of women in the state do not receive prenatal care in their first trimester.

- 1 in 5 women over age 40 has not had a mammogram within the past two years.

- 1 in 5 adult women has not had her cholesterol checked within the past five years.

- Working parents earning more than $10,181 (61% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for a family of three) are not eligible for Medicaid.

Many women in Michigan suffer negative health outcomes.

- An alarming 14 out of 100,000 women die during childbirth.

- Michigan ranks 46th in the nation for the most deaths due to coronary heart disease.

- Nearly 1 in 3 Michigan women suffers from high blood pressure.

Michigan should enact and maintain policies that ensure health care access.

- Michigan should raise Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women well beyond the federally-set minimum of 133% of FPL.

- Marking some progress, Michigan requires private insurance companies to cover all FDA-approved forms of contraception if they cover other prescription drugs and devices.

- In an even greater step forward, Michigan has secured a federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage of low-income women for family planning services.

- Even so, Michigan 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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