



With the fight for progressive health care reform currently facing crossroads of major consequence at both the state and national levels, addressing barriers to women's access to comprehensive health care that includes reproductive services is more important than ever before. In light of these critical circumstances, the Center has developed a multi-faceted initiative, *Reform Matters: Making Real Progress for Women and Health Care*, which aims to address the needs of women, including critical reproductive health services, within national and state-level health care reform.

The *Reform Matters* effort includes a variety of complementary components. For instance, the Center recently launched a [Reform Matters](#) website, which will serve as a clearinghouse for all of the Center's expert legal research, analysis, and informational materials regarding women and health reform. The Center is also drafting a *Reform Matters* toolkit for advocates on policy issues regarding health reform, with a focus on and analysis of how those policies will potentially affect women. The toolkit will also contain a section dedicated specifically to the intersection of women's reproductive rights with the current push for health reform; this portion of the toolkit will include information detailing the inextricable nature of reproductive health concerns from women's overall health, along with guidance on how to evaluate any proposed health reform plans in terms of their ability to cover the reproductive health services that women need. Additionally, the Center currently hosts a monthly conference call for women's advocates nationwide to discuss health reform and health coverage expansions at the state and federal levels. For example, one recent call featured a conversation about the Indiana Medicaid expansion that is centered on a health savings account model. Participants on the call learned about the plan and discussed some unanswered questions about the possible inadequacy of coverage for women, such as the issue of pregnant women who may ultimately lose health coverage as they transition from the expanded coverage to traditional Medicaid and back again after giving birth.

For more information on any of these *Reform Matters* efforts, please visit the Center's [Reform Matters](#) website!