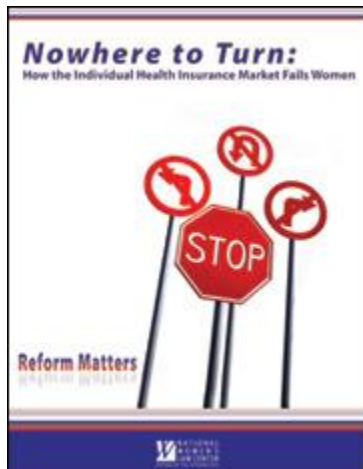


National Women's Law Center



In September, the National Women's Law Center released a new report, [Nowhere to Turn: How the Individual Health Insurance Market Fails Women](#). The report documents the myriad ways in which women are put at a disadvantage when searching for adequate, affordable coverage in the individual insurance market—including critical reproductive health services. Given that a number of health reform proposals envision a larger role for the individual market, identifying the way it operates is extremely important. There are huge variations within and across states in premiums charged to women in contrast to men—for example, insurers charged 25 year-old women from 6% to 45% more than men, excluding maternity coverage.

And finding that extra maternity coverage can be difficult and costly—in the capitol cities of four states the Center was unable, using the leading online provider of individual health insurance information, to even find an offer of maternity coverage *at any price*. Here are a few examples of the media coverage that *Nowhere to Turn* and its findings have garnered:

- Center Co-President Marcia Greenberger was quoted in the New York Times (NYT) article "[Women Buying Health Policies Pay a Penalty](#)"
- The NYT article was picked up by numerous other news outlets, including the [Chicago Tribune](#), the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#), and the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)
- Editorials and op-eds referencing the NYT article and *Nowhere to Turn's* findings appeared in the [NYT](#) itself, the [Boston Globe](#), the [Miami Herald](#), the [Toledo Blade](#), and the [Las Vegas Sun](#)
- Center Senior Counsel Lisa Codispoti was interviewed by CBS affiliate [KCBS Radio](#) (the link to the interview audio is on the right side of the homepage) about the NYT article and *Nowhere to Turn*
- Center Vice-President Judy Waxman appeared on [NBC Nightly News](#), the [Today Show](#), and PBS's [To the Contrary](#) to discuss the serious disadvantage women face on the individual insurance market

A number of the editorials from prominent newspapers noted above have called for an end to sex discrimination in insurance. The Center will continue to widely disseminate *Nowhere to Turn*, and to educate and engage a wide range of people on this and many other vitally important issues affecting health care reform.