The Affordable Care Act
Addressing the unique health needs of women

More than 6 in 10 women ages 40 and older had a mammogram within the past two years. The law requires coverage of many preventive services for women, including mammograms, at no cost to women.

Nearly 77 percent of women start breastfeeding after giving birth.

Only 16 percent still exclusively breastfeed at 6 months. The law requires coverage of breastfeeding support and equipment to make going back to work easier for breastfeeding moms.

The health care law makes it easier for women to access and pay for health care, helping them and their families stay healthy.

An estimated 19.7 million women are smokers, which puts them at risk for several types of cancer and heart disease. The law requires coverage, at no cost, for services to help women quit smoking.

The Health Care Law Protects Women
- Women cannot be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.
- Women can choose any primary care provider or OB-GYN in their health plan’s network.
- Women cannot be charged more than men for the same health coverage.
- Women’s health coverage must include pregnancy and newborn care.


Learn more about the law at HHS.gov/HealthCare. Get ready for the Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov.