

**Secretary's Advisory Committee  
on Infant Mortality**

# **Women's Health in the United States: The Promise of the Affordable Care Act**

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# Leading Causes of Death for Reproductive-Age Women, 2010

## 15-24 years:

- Accidents
- Suicide
- Homicide
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Pregnancy

## 25-44 years:

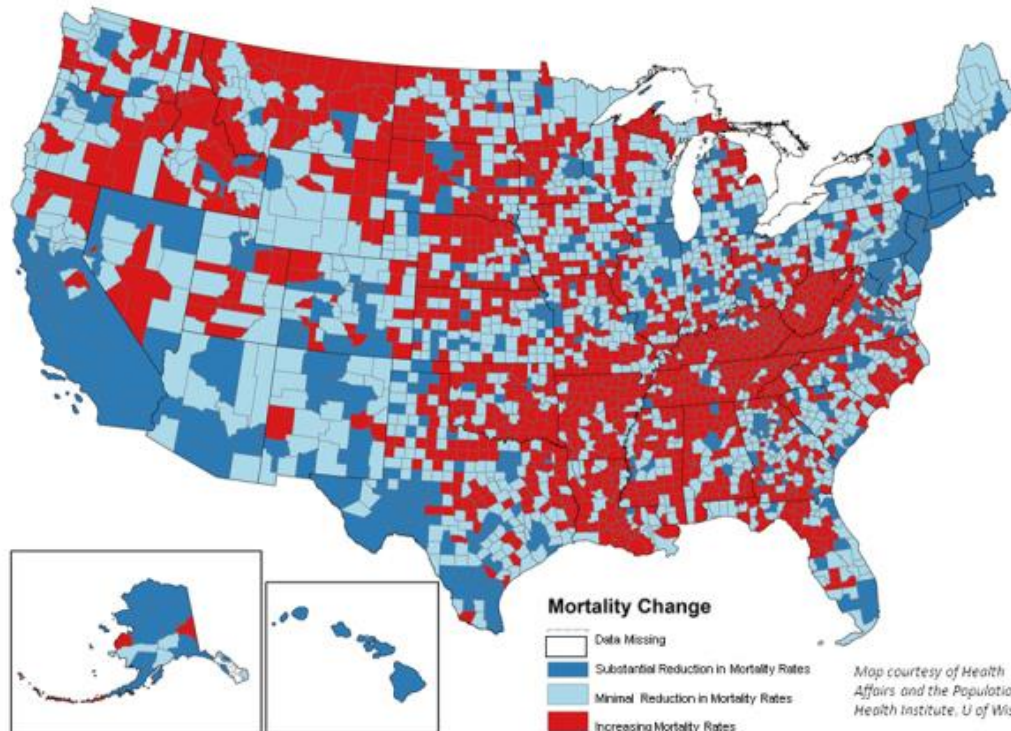
- Cancer
- Accidents
- Heart disease
- Suicide
- Homicide
- Stroke

# Social Determinants of Health

- Income
- Education
- Employment and Job Security
- Working Conditions
- Food Insecurity
- Housing
- Social Network
- Sex
- Race
- Disability
- Early Childhood Development
- Health Services

# Change in female mortality by county 1992 - 2006

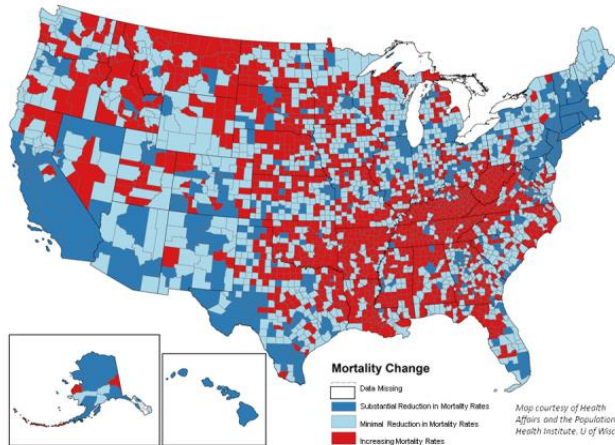
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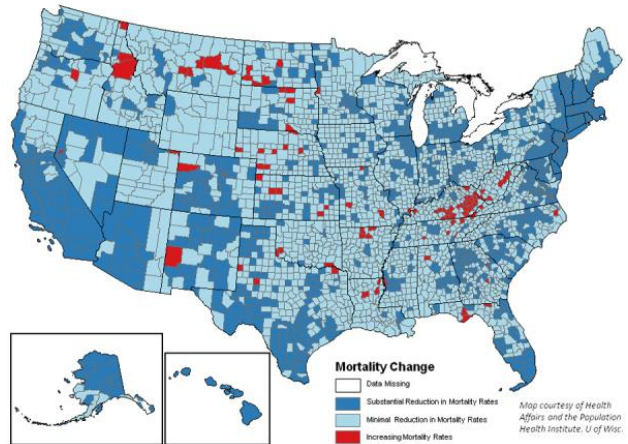
Female

Female Mortality Change between 1992-1996 and 2002-2006 among 3,140 U.S. Counties



Male

Male Mortality Change between 1992-1996 and 2002-2006 among 3,140 U.S. Counties



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# The Affordable Care Act Keeping Women Healthy Through Prevention



# Covered Preventive Services for Women

- Blood pressure
- Cancer screening
  - Cervical
  - Breast
  - Colorectal
- Cholesterol
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Osteoporosis
- STIs and HIV/AIDs
- Alcohol misuse screening/counseling
- Dietary counseling
- Obesity counseling
- Tobacco cessation interventions
- Immunizations

# **More** Covered Preventive Services for Women

- HPV DNA Testing
- FDA-approved Contraceptive Methods and Sterilization
- Screening and Counseling for Interpersonal Violence
- At Least One Well-Woman Visit Annually



# And **MORE** Covered Services for *Pregnant* Women

- Screening
  - Bacteriuria
  - Anemia
  - Hepatitis B
  - STIs
  - HIV
  - Rh incompatibility
  - Gestational Diabetes
- Breastfeeding counseling
- Cost of renting breastfeeding supplies

Number of women eligible for  
preventive services without  
cost-sharing under the ACA:

**More than 47 million women**



# The Law Protects Women

- In 2014, women can't be charged more for same coverage as men
- Insurers won't be able to deny coverage to women because of a preexisting condition
- Insurers won't impose a lifetime cap on coverage
- And no woman will have to stay in a job just to have health insurance
- By 2016, 13 million women will gain coverage!



# Expanded Maternity Coverage, 2014

**8.7 million women with individual insurance plans will gain maternity coverage**

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

- Authorized and funded over 5 years at \$1.5 billion
- Funds almost all states
- Goals: Improve maternal, newborn health; prevent child abuse and domestic violence; improve school readiness; improve economic self-sufficiency
- Nurses, social workers meet with families in homes; connect families to needed assistance
- 75% of funding to program models proven effective
  - So far, 13 models meet effectiveness criteria
  - Supports research to find other effective models



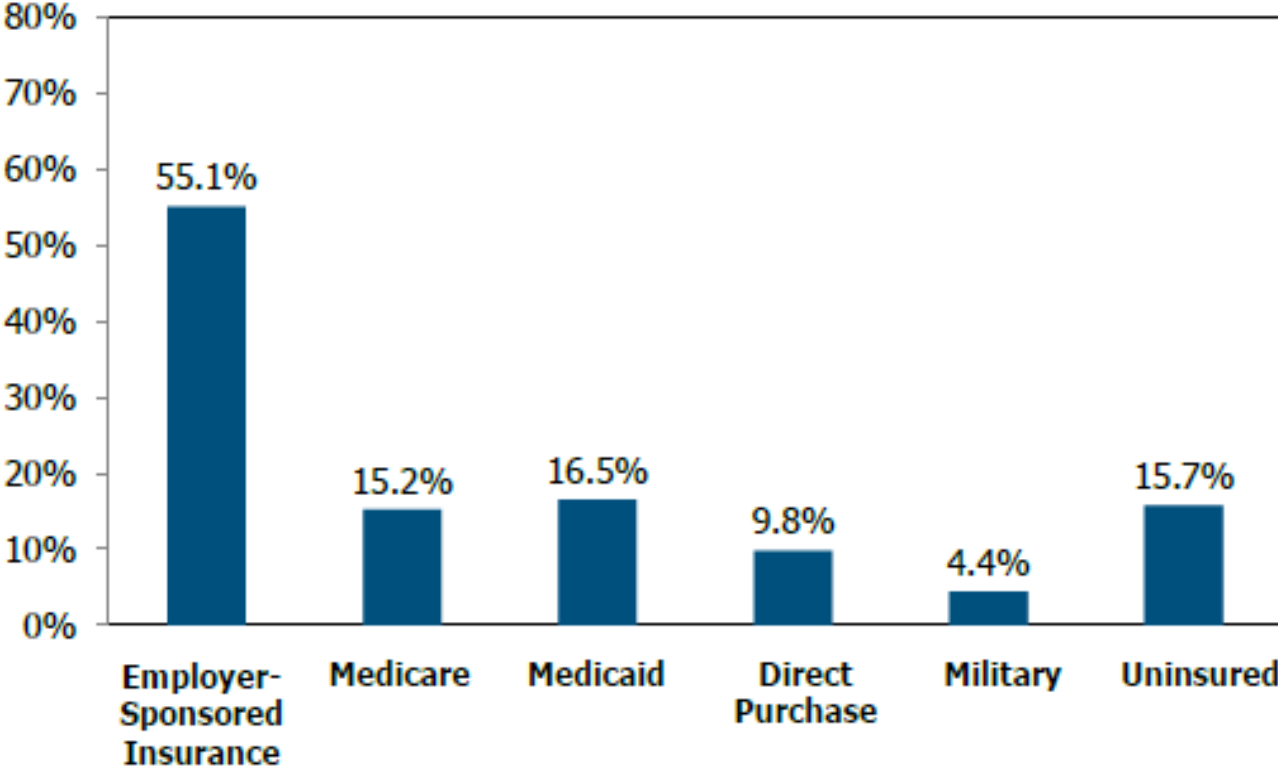
# Health Insurance Marketplace

Beginning on October 1, 2013, individuals, families, and small-business owners **in every state** will gain access to affordable, quality health insurance through the new Health Insurance Marketplace.\* Coverage will begin in January 2014.

*\*Formerly known as the Exchange*



# Sources of Insurance Coverage, 2011



Number of women eligible for expanded insurance coverage under the ACA:

**An additional 13.5 million women**



# Enrollment and Coverage

- **October 1, 2013:** Open enrollment begins
- Sign-up at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) to receive e-mail or text updates
- **January 2014:** Coverage begins
- **March 2014:** Open enrollment ends



# Eligibility Requirements

- Must live in state served by the Marketplace
- Must be a U.S. citizen, or
- Must be a non-citizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. for the period for which enrollment is sought
- Must not be incarcerated

# The Marketplace and Essential Health Benefits

Every health insurance plan in the Health Insurance Marketplace will offer **essential** health benefits, including preventive services, in 2014.

# Essential Health Benefits

- Ambulatory patient services
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Behavioral health treatment
- Chronic disease management
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative services and devices
- Laboratory services
- Preventive and wellness services
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care



# Key points to remember

- The Marketplace is a new way to find and buy health insurance
- Individuals and small businesses can shop for insurance that fits their budget
- There is financial help for people with limited income
- There will be assistance to help people get the best coverage for their needs

# Key points to remember

- Employer-based coverage will continue
- Insurance will continue to be sold outside of the Marketplace
- Purchase from the Marketplace is not required
- The Marketplace is the only place to get
  - New premium tax credits
  - Cost-sharing reductions

# The Promise of the Affordable Care Act



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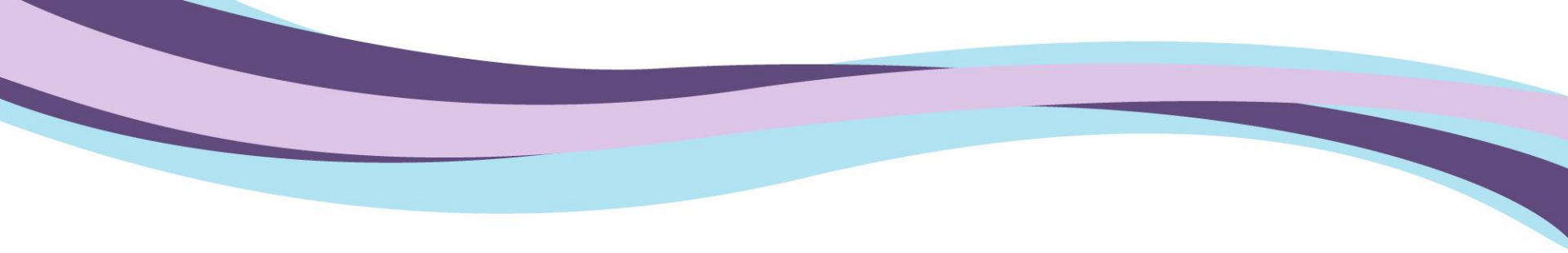
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# New Data Standards Benefit Women

Requires HHS to establish data collection standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability status

# Status of Women's Health: Leading Causes of Death

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Stroke
- Chronic Lung Diseases
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Unintentional Injuries
- Diabetes
- Influenza and Pneumonia
- Kidney disease
- Septicemia

# Status of Women's Health: Leading Causes of *Preventable* Death

- Tobacco Use
- Lack of Physical Activity
- Poor Nutrition
- Excessive Alcohol Consumption