

National Women's Health Network Inc.

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 <p>NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK A VOICE FOR WOMEN, A NETWORK FOR CHANGE</p>	<p>National Women's Health Network Inc. 1413 K St NW Ste 400, Washington, DC 20005 202 -6822640 (ext. 227) www.nwhn.org</p> <p>Mission: The National Women's Health Network improves the health of all women by developing and promoting a critical analysis of health issues to influence public policy and support consumer decision-making. The Network aspires to a health care system that is guided by social justice and reflects the needs of diverse women.</p>
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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

The establishment of universal health care that reflects the Network's values and meets the needs of diverse women. To ensure that women have self-determination in all aspects of their reproductive and sexual health. To create a cultural and medical shift in how menopause is perceived and addressed.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

Our strategies include a variety of advocacy and education tools, including making technical assistance, model resolution language, and additional resources available to local activists and advocates who are working with local and state elected officials to pass resolutions or bills. We speak at Federal agency committee hearings and submit testimony.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

Our leaders have been with the organization for more than 20 years. In partnership with MergerWatch and Black Women's Health Imperative, the Network founded Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need campaign in 2007. A collaborative project, RWV brings together national state and local health advocates committed to making the promise of health reform real for women.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

In the coming year, we will evaluate our progress through four focus areas: 1. Evaluate health insurance exchanges as receptive to women 2. Increase the number of RWV regional coordinators, specifically in Southern states 3. Develop ACA outreach campaigns to women and their families in culturally and linguistically-competent ways that are user-friendly 4. Evaluate if the needs of low-income women in states accepting Federal funds to pay for expanded eligibility are being met. These activities will be done in concert with other nonprofit organizations, including local grassroots organizations, as well as public policy and think tanks.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

The Network led national and local activism through the Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need (RWV) network to demonstrate support for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). RWV's multi-year campaign in support of no copay coverage for women's preventive health care, including contraception, passed a critical milestone this year when the new rules went into effect, giving millions of women improved access to a range of proven, preventive health services without the financial hurdle of copays. When women encountered problems with unlawful limits on this coverage in the early months after the requirement went into effect, we succeeded in getting rules to clarify the details and ensure comprehensive coverage. We celebrated an important internal movement advance when the leading national health reform group, which has historically shied away from reproductive health issues, invited the Network to do a panel presentation at its national conference specifically on the issue of insurance coverage for women's reproductive health needs. The Network educated people about the health care law and built visible public support for it, using RWV's Countdown to Coverage campaign, including themes such as What's in it for Women and Our Campus Our Coverage, and calendar-related hooks like New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day. We reached a large audience with these public awareness efforts, through both social and traditional media outlets, including authoring two articles published in Ms. Magazine. To address one of the important short-comings of the health care law – lack of nationally consistent insurance coverage for abortion care – we engaged the RWV network in getting the best possible abortion coverage allowable under the law. This includes working with policy

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makers on the least burdensome rules for complying with the law's funding segregation requirements, fighting bans on abortion coverage in hostile state and developing smooth administrative procedures for providing coverage in states where that is feasible. The Network developed and drafted comments on numerous regulations governing implementation of the health care law, bringing the lens of how these rules most effectively ensure that women and families have access to quality, affordable health care. In partnership with our RWV co-founders at the Black Women's Health Imperative and MergerWatch, the Network supported the RWV network in identifying and taking advantage of health reform implementation opportunities to advance health equity.