

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Preventive Health Services for Women

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act)

The Affordable Care Act provides an opportunity to reduce health disparities. Health disparities refer to gaps in the quality of health and health care across racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and socioeconomic groups.

Health disparities are often driven by the social conditions in which we.....

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Eliminating Health Disparities through Preventive Health Services for Women

Increased preventive health services provide an opportunity to reduce health disparities through the early detection of disease. Under the Affordable Care Act, new health insurance plans or policies beginning on or after September 23, 2010, must cover certain preventive health services without co-payments or other cost sharing requirements.

Only about 67% of black women aged 40 or older report having had a mammogram in the last two years. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2011

Covered Preventive Services for Women Under the Affordable Care Act

Prenatal Care (Pregnant Women)

- Anemia screening
- Breastfeeding support and counseling, as well as access to breastfeeding supplies
- Diabetes screening
- Tobacco use counseling (expanded)

Family Planning and Reproductive Health

- PAP smears for sexually active women
- FDA-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling
- Folic Acid supplements for women who may become pregnant
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening and counseling for sexually active women

Well Care and Protective Services

- Domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling for all women
- Well-woman visits to obtain recommended preventive services
- Tobacco use screening and interventions
- Osteoporosis screening for women over age 60 depending on risk factors

For information on additional covered services for children, visit:

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