



**WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY
SUMMARY OF RECENT PROJECTS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS
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WOMEN'S HEALTH — GENERAL

The Women's Health Data Book: A Profile of Women's Health in the United States. *Kaiser Family Foundation with the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health.* This data book offers the latest data and trends and presents up-to-date research on reproductive health, chronic diseases, infectious diseases, behavioral health issues, and access to health care for women. (Pub. # 6004).

State Profiles on Women's Health. *Jacobs Institute of Women's Health.* This data book provides key state-level information on women's health, including demographic data, health status indicators, and morbidity and mortality statistics. Health care coverage data and information on the use of preventive services are also included. (Pub. # 2126).

COVERAGE AND ACCESS

Assessing Social Disparities in Maternal and Child Health at the State Level. *University of California, San Francisco.* Using a California-specific postpartum survey and a variety of secondary data sources, this project will develop a research framework to assess the factors that explain racial disparities in birth outcomes. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Tracking Women's Health Legislation in the States. *National Women's Law Center.* This project will track state policies on a variety of women's health topics, including insurance coverage mandates, managed care issues that primarily impact women, and laws affecting reproductive health. A final report will be produced chronicling state-by-state legislative action and emerging trends. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Women's Attitudes Toward, and Perceptions of, HIV/AIDS. *Kaiser Family Foundation.* This project will explore women's concerns about HIV/AIDS and the policy issues that surround this disease by analyzing the Foundation's latest national survey on attitudes and perceptions of HIV/AIDS and through a series of focus groups. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Medicaid's Role for Women with HIV/AIDS. *The Lewin Group.* This project will use state-based Medicaid enrollment data to better understand how Medicaid is serving low-income women with HIV/AIDS. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Understanding the Characteristics and Health Experiences of Women with HIV/AIDS. *Center for Health Services Research and Policy at George Washington University.* This project will analyze the *HIV Cost and Services Utilization Survey* to develop a more comprehensive understanding of women with HIV/AIDS, their use of services, and their health care coverage. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Women's Health: Costs and Experiences. *Kaiser Family Foundation.* Using data from the 1996 federal *Medical Expenditure Panel Survey*, this project will update and expand upon a 1987 Foundation report on women's health insurance costs and experiences. (In progress: Spring, 2002).

Access to Care and Use of Health Services by Low-Income Women. *The Urban Institute.* Using the *National Survey of America's Families*, part of the Urban Institute's *Assessing the New Federalism* initiative, this project investigates how low-income women's access to care and health status differs from their higher-income counterparts. (Pub. # 6005).

Falling Through the Cracks: Health Insurance Coverage of Low-Income Women. *Center for Health Policy Research at the University of California, Los Angeles.* This project examines the dynamics of health coverage for low-income women using the *Current Population Survey* from 1995 and 1999. Analysis focuses on women at high risk for being uninsured, those with Medicaid, racial/ethnic minority women, and immigrant women. Changes in health coverage before and after welfare reform are also analyzed. (Pub. #1611).

Women and Medicare. *Older Women's League.* A public education campaign designed to bring national attention to health issues affecting women as they approach retirement, focusing on Medicare and the implications of reform. It includes four regional forums, a taped focus group of women discussing Medicare issues, and a special report synthesizing the project's findings. (Pub. # 1499).

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH POLICY

Access to Prenatal Care in California. *University of California, San Francisco.* This project focuses on access to prenatal care in California using data from an ongoing California-based survey to analyze barriers to Medi-Cal enrollment, variations in insurance status during pregnancy, access to family planning services, and the effects of socio-economic status on prenatal care and birth outcomes. (In progress: Winter, 2001).

Medicaid Support for Family Planning in the Managed Care Era. *Alan Guttmacher Institute.* This report focuses on Medicaid managed care developments and their impact on family planning access and financing. Issues addressed include the financing challenges in assuring the accessibility of family planning services; contracting and capitation; provider and plan conscience exemptions; and data collection. (Pub. #6001).

A State-Level Survey of Reproductive Health Policies Under Medicaid. *Health Systems Research, Inc.* This state-level survey documents reproductive health policies under Medicaid, focusing on coverage for family planning and perinatal services; Medicaid managed care; state oversight of family planning services in faith-based networks; and Medicaid family planning expansions. (Family Planning Pub. #2216 and Perinatal Pub. # 2218).

Welfare Policy and Reproductive Health. *Center for Law and Social Policy.* This project focuses on key welfare policy issues that affected women's reproductive health choices and decisions. Includes two issue briefs that summarize issues in Abstinence Unless Married Programs (Pub. # 1508) and the Family Cap (Pub. #1559).

Kaiser Media Resource Project. *Kaiser Family Foundation.* This ongoing project is a resource for journalists, staffed by a team of research and communications specialists, and provides accurate, up-to-date information on a variety of reproductive and sexual health issues. (www.kmrp.org).

SURVEYS

National Survey of Women's Health Experiences and Attitudes. *Kaiser Family Foundation with Princeton Survey Research Associates.* This nationally representative survey will examine women's access to and utilization of the health care system and will be updated biennially. The first survey will explore women's experiences with the health system, follow-up care, and health policy priorities. A final report of the findings will be released by the Foundation. (In progress: Winter, 2002).

National Survey of Reproductive Health Care Providers. *Kaiser Family Foundation with Princeton Survey Research Associates.* This annual national random-sample survey of obstetrician/gynecologists has tracked physician practices regarding abortion, STDs, and contraception. The 2001 survey examines Ob/Gyns' experiences with medical abortion services (Pub. # 3169) and emergency contraception (Findings not yet released). The 2000 survey covers physician experiences with STD counseling and testing (Pub. # 3192), their opinions about emergency contraception (Pub. # 3085) and mifepristone (Pub. # 3120).

What Women Really Want From Their Politicians: A National Survey on Women's Health Policy Priorities and Election 2000. *Kaiser Family Foundation with Self Magazine.* This nationally representative survey examines the importance of health policy issues from HIV/AIDS to Medicare in the 2000 elections. (Pub. #3046).

National Survey of Americans about STDs. *Kaiser Family Foundation in partnership with Glamour Magazine.* This national survey of women and men of reproductive age assesses their knowledge and attitudes about sexually transmitted diseases. Results appeared as a two-part series in the 1998 August and September issues of *Glamour* magazine. (Pub. #1423).

Survey of Women's Experiences with Abortion Care. *The Picker Institute.* This survey was designed to learn more about how women perceive the quality of their abortion care services. Findings are summarized in a report, *From the Patient's Perspective: Quality of Abortion Care*, released in May 1999. (Pub. #1475).

National Survey of Minority Women about Their Reproductive Health Care. *Kaiser Family Foundation in partnership with Essence and Latina magazines and the L. A. Times.* This national survey examines differences in African American, Latina, and white women's use and satisfaction with their reproductive health care. Findings were published in *Essence* and *Latina* magazines and the *L. A. Times*. (Pub. #1476).

BRIEFING SERIES

Capitol Hill Briefing Series on Women's Health Policy. *Kaiser Family Foundation in partnership with Women's Policy, Inc.* This briefing series for policy makers focuses on access to care and health insurance coverage issues important to women across the lifespan. (Began Winter, 2000).

Briefing Series on Emerging Issues in Reproductive Health. *Kaiser Family Foundation in partnership with the National Press Foundation.* This ongoing briefing series for journalists is designed to improve and expand coverage of timely issues in reproductive health. Recent topics have included emergency contraception, medical abortion, and HPV. Informational materials are available on past program topics.

FACT SHEETS

Women's Health Data Book Highlights (December 2001)
Women's Health Data Book Highlights for Women of Color (December 2001)
Women's Health Data Book Highlights for Adolescents (December 2001)
HPV and Cervical Cancer (Dec. 2001)
Abortion in the U.S. (Sep. 2001)
Women and Medicare (Jul. 2001)
Women's Health Insurance Coverage (Jul. 2001)
Coverage of Gynecological Care and Contraceptives (May 2001)
Women and HIV (May 2001)
Health Insurance Coverage of Low-Income Women (Feb. 2001)
State Estimates of Women's Health Insurance Coverage, 1997-1999 (Feb. 2001)
Emergency Contraception (Nov. 2000)
Medicaid's Role for Women (Nov. 2000)
Women, Health Care, and the 2000 Election (Apr. 2000)
Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the U.S. (Feb. 2000)

ISSUE BRIEFS

Abortion Policy and Politics (Sep. 2001)
Mifepristone: An Early Abortion Option (Sep. 2001)
State Policies on Access to Gynecological Care and Contraception (Dec. 2000)
Emergency Contraception: From Prescription to Over the Counter (Nov. 2000)
Welfare Policy and Reproductive Health: Capping a Family's Benefits (Nov. 1999)
Welfare Policy and Reproductive Health: Abstinence Unless Married Programs (Sep. 1999)

KEY FACTS

Women and Medicare (Jul. 2001)
Women and HIV (May 2001)

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