



## RWV sample letter to the editor: Play it Fair!

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To the Editor:

It's time for insurance companies to play fair! The health reform bills in Congress will ban gender rating – the practice of charging women more than men for the same health insurance policy. Congress will also prohibit insurance companies from denying us coverage or charging more if we have “pre-existing condition” like diabetes, cancer or asthma. For women, these pre-existing conditions have sometimes included having a c-section, being pregnant, or having been a victim of domestic violence! I can't believe the insurance companies were *ever* allowed to do that.

But while the bills are moving in the right direction, they still allow insurance companies to charge older people more than younger people. The Senate Finance Committee bill would let insurers charge older people *four times* as much as younger people. That's not fair, and should be changed in final health reform legislation.

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