



## **From Our Kitchen Table What Women Want: The Health Reform Edition**

1. Health coverage should start at birth and end at death, with no interruptions. We shouldn't lose it when we change jobs, get divorced or move from one state to another.
2. Make it affordable. Use a sliding scale. Everybody should pay something, but some of us can pay more than others. Offer subsidies for those who can't pay very much.
3. Make it fair. Don't charge women more than men. Don't let insurance companies refuse to cover people because they have diabetes, cancer, asthma or any other "pre-existing condition."
4. Make it simple. Tell insurance companies to stop tricking us into buying policies that don't cover the care we need. There should be no hidden clauses or surprises.
5. Make it better. Give us the high quality care that this country is capable of delivering, instead of extra tests and unneeded services that feed the bottom-line for drug companies or for-profit hospitals and medical systems at our expense. And fix the system so that poor people, people of color, people with disabilities and LGBT people get high quality care too.
6. Keep politics, politicians and ideology out of the decisions about which benefits should be included. This is health care, people!
7. Cover everybody! Stop arguing about whether we should cover undocumented immigrants or force legal immigrants to wait five years to be eligible. If they are living here as our neighbors, we want them to be healthy. Fixing the immigration system is a separate issue.
8. This should be a wellness system, not a sickness system. Sure, we want to have medical care when we get sick, but better preventive care and stronger public health measures in our own communities can help us stay healthy.

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