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Webinars on Health Care Reform for Women's Health Providers and Advocates

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There is much at stake for women's health care in the current debate over how to reform the health care system in the United States. But some of us in the women's health community are unfamiliar with the terminology and concepts commonly used in health reform discussions. Many of us are unsure about which strategies to achieve universal health care would be best for women's health care, or how to evaluate the proposals being made by health policy experts and candidates. It's time to catch up, and dive into the debate!

Series Moderators: **Byllye Avery**, Avery Institute for Social Change
Cindy Pearson, National Women's Health Network
Lois Uttley, MergerWatch Project of Community Catalyst

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Webinar #1: Primer on the Basics of Health Care Reform **Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. EST**

This introductory webinar will provide a basic primer on health care reform, including important terminology and concepts such as "single-payer" health insurance, health savings accounts, employer assessments and individual mandates. *No question will be too basic to ask!* Presenters will be **Susan Sherry**, Deputy Director of Community Catalyst, who has more than 25 years of experience as a consumer health advocate; and **Nancy Turnbull**, Associate Dean at the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Webinar #2: Strategies for Achieving Universal Health Care **Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. EST**

What are the strategies being discussed -- and tried in some states -- to get to universal health care? How are these strategies being influenced by public opinion polls indicating what types of change Americans are likely to support? Experts will discuss state and federal actions for health care reform, including the single payer approach and more incremental approaches to expand coverage. They will discuss actions being taken by important players (such as employers, unions, insurers, hospital associations and physicians) to influence health reform. Presenters will include **Michael Miller**, Director of Policy at Community Catalyst; **Martha Livingston** of Physicians for a National Health Program; and **Elisabeth Benjamin** of the Community Service Society.

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Audio Conference #3: Where Should Women's Health Advocates Put Our Energy?

Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. EST

Women's health care providers and advocates must become engaged in the health care reform debate if we want to ensure that "health care for all" includes affordable access to the health services and options that we and our families need. Of course, we want comprehensive reproductive health care and real choice in childbirth options, such as the option to use a midwife. We want better support for women who are caring for ill family members and we need end-of-life options that allow us to remain at home. We believe that health care must be sensitive to differences in our culture, ethnicity, race, class and sexual orientation.

How can we best become involved in fighting for quality, affordable health care for all? Moderator will be **Cindy Pearson**, Executive Director, the National Women's Health Network. Presenters will include: **Byllye Avery**, founder, National Black Women's Health Project and the Avery Institute for Social Change; **Anne Kasper**, chair, Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform; **Debbie Reid**, staff attorney, National Health Law Program; and **Amy Allina**, Program and Policy Director, National Women's Health Network.

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