



## Join TCWH in urging the Governor of Texas and Commissioner of Health to support women's health care

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), with the approval of the Governor's Office, is moving forward with Texas' application for a Medicaid Waiver for Women's Health that will expand eligibility through Medicaid for preventive women's health care services and family planning, as well as treatment for breast and cervical cancer.

The waiver is currently being held due to questions over how women will be determined to be eligible for the services.

**Governor Perry and Commissioner Gilbert need to know that we support the pursuit of this waiver, with a simplified eligibility determination process that will ease access for more uninsured Texas women.**

With the waiver in place, thousands more women will have access to the following preventive and primary care services:

- an annual physical examination
- contraceptives
- health screening for breast and cervical cancer, diabetes, anemia, hypertension, sexually transmitted diseases and infections and other conditions
- treatment for breast and cervical cancer

### Sign these postcards and send them to us:

Texas Campaign for Women's Health  
PO Box 3868  
Austin, Texas 78764

We'll hand deliver *boxes of them* to the offices of the Governor and Health & Human Services Commission. They will know that there is popular support for women's health care in our state!

The Texas Campaign for Women's Health is supported by a grant from the Program on Reproductive Health and Rights of the Open Society Institute

## Please support the Medicaid Waiver for Women's Health

Dear Governor Perry,

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### **The Honorable Governor Rick Perry**

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### **Health & Human Services Commissioner**

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## **Texas Campaign for Women's Health**

### ***Who we are***

**The Texas Campaign for Women's Health** is a statewide network composed of more than 50 organizations, as well as many individuals, working together to improve the status of women's health care in Texas. Co-sponsoring groups include health care advocates, professional organizations, and community based advocacy, action and support groups.

### ***Our Mission***

**The Texas Campaign for Women's Health** is committed to seeing that the women of Texas have access to the care necessary to insure their health and well-being, and to securing new funding so that more low-income adult women in Texas have access to mammography, testing and ambulatory treatment for cervical cancer, diagnosis and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, osteoporosis prevention education and hormone replacement therapy.

### ***Our Goals***

- Healthier women and healthier families,
- Decreased health care costs through prevention, early detection and early intervention;
- Fewer women and families on welfare;
- Fewer unintended pregnancies and Medicaid paid births;
- Decreased incidence of the accompanying health and social risks of unintended pregnancies;
- Lower abortion rates; and
- Decreased financial burden on local community health care resources.



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