

Status of Women's Health GRADE: Unsatisfactory RANK: 14<sup>th</sup>

# **OREGON**

### Focusing on Women's Health

Making the Grade on Women's Health: A National and State-by-State Report Card was released on October 17, 2007 by the National Women's Law Center and Oregon Health & Science University. Nationally, the *Report Card* finds that necessary health care is absent for too many women and better access to health insurance is needed.

## Necessary health care is absent for too many women in Oregon

- 1 in 5 women lack health insurance
- Over 50% of Hispanic and over 40% America Indian/Alaskan Native women are uninsured
- 1 in 5 women in the state don't have access to prenatal care in their first trimester
- More than one-third of adult women haven't had a cholesterol check within the past five years
- Nearly 1 in 5 adult women hasn't had a Pap smear within the past three years
- Nearly 1 in 3 women over age forty hasn't had a mammogram within the past two years
- A single woman is ineligible for state-provided health care coverage if she makes as little as \$10,210

### As a result, women in Oregon suffer negative health outcomes

- 6 out of 100,000 women die during childbirth--nearly double the national goal
- Oregon ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the lung cancer death rate for women
- Oregon is in the top five for highest stroke death rate for women

#### Oregon should continue to ensure family planning coverage

- Private insurance companies are required to cover all FDA-approved forms of contraception
- Oregon has secured a waiver to expand Medicaid coverage of low-income women for family planning services

The 2007 Report Card compares the nation and individual states to the national goals, as set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health People 2010 agenda. The health status of women all across the country needs significant improvement and far too many states fail to meet national goals for satisfactory health status.

For more information the complete report findings are online at www.nwlc/HRConline.org