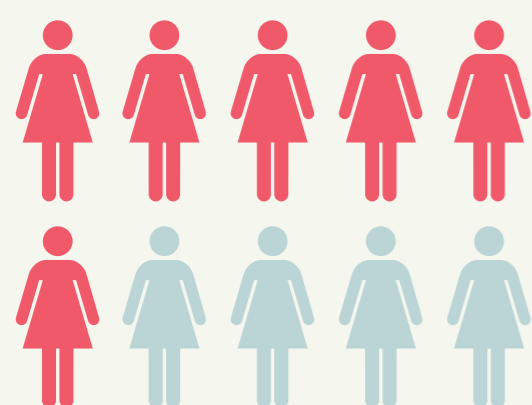


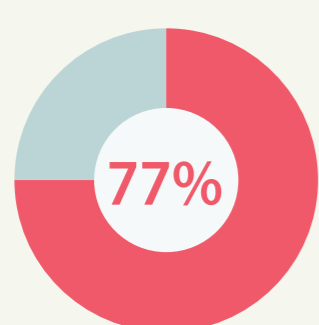
The Affordable Care Act

Addressing the unique health needs of women

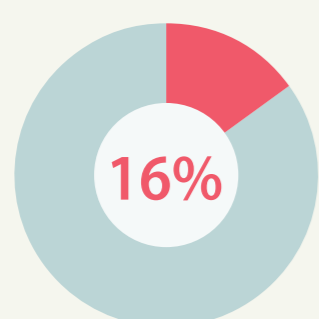


More than **6 in 10** women ages 40 and older had a mammogram within the past two years.¹

The law requires coverage of many preventive services for women, including mammograms, at no cost to women.



Nearly **77 percent** of women start breastfeeding after giving birth.²



Only **16 percent** still exclusively breastfeed at 6 months.²

The law requires coverage of breastfeeding support and equipment to make going back to work easier for breastfeeding moms.



Nearly **135 million** women have received a routine exam in the past two years,⁵ many having to pay out-of-pocket.

The law requires coverage of well-woman visits at no cost to women.



More than **4 in 10** women ages 15–44 use some form of contraception.⁴

The law requires full coverage of FDA-approved birth control at no cost to women.

An estimated **19.7 million** women are smokers,³ which puts them at risk for several types of cancer and heart disease.

The law requires coverage, at no cost, for services to help women quit smoking.



The Health Care Law Protects Women

- ▶ Women cannot be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.
- ▶ Women can choose any primary care provider or OB-GYN in their health plan's network.
- ▶ Women cannot be charged more than men for the same health coverage.
- ▶ Women's health coverage must include pregnancy and newborn care.

More choices. More control. Better health.

An important part of the law is the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Starting October 1, Americans, including 18.6 million women who are uninsured,⁶ will be able to find insurance that fits their needs—all in one place.

Learn more about the law at **HHS.gov/HealthCare**.
Get ready for the Health Insurance Marketplace at **HealthCare.gov**.

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