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# Raising Women's Voices

for the  
health  
care  
we need

– *a collaborative initiative of* –  
*the*  
**AVERY INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE**  
*the*  
**MERGERWATCH PROJECT  
OF COMMUNITY CATALYST**  
*and the*  
**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK**

*Working together we can  
get quality, affordable  
health care for everyone.*

# WE SUPPORT QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH

CARE FOR ALL – and we are working to raise women’s voices for the health care we need.

Our goal is to engage a broad array of women’s health and reproductive justice advocates in local, state and national health reform discussions. We want to ensure that women’s concerns will be addressed and the health care we get will truly be health care for all.

## Raising Women’s Voices is working to:

- Engage women from diverse constituencies in identifying their health care needs and those of their families and articulating a vision of a health care system that meets these needs.
- Place priority on engaging women from communities that are marginalized in health policy discussions and that face special obstacles in obtaining health care, such as discrimination and language or cultural barriers.

## A Woman’s Vision for Quality, Affordable Health Care for All

*With a new President and Congressional leaders committed to health reform, we finally have an opportunity to achieve quality, affordable health care for all.*

### Join us! Together we can ensure that:

- 📣 Health care coverage is affordable for women, our families and our communities
- 📣 Health systems provide the acute, preventive, chronic and supportive care that we need, including comprehensive reproductive health care
- 📣 Our health systems actively work to address health care disparities in service provision and provide care that is culturally competent, respectful of and acceptable to patients from diverse communities
- 📣 Our health systems are user-friendly and easy to navigate and include transparent reporting systems about quality of care to help women make informed decisions about providers, plans and treatment options.
- 📣 We aim to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for women, our families and our communities

For our full **Women’s Vision for Quality, Affordable, Health Care for All**, and many other resources, please see our website: at [www.RaisingWomensVoices.net](http://www.RaisingWomensVoices.net).

“It’s time to rev up the women’s health movement again. Health care for all is our issue. We’re the ones who have to make it happen.”

– Byllye Avery, founder  
BLACK WOMEN’S HEALTH IMPERATIVE

- Articulate a policy framework for quality, affordable health care that meets the needs of women and our families. The RWV network will use the framework to advance women’s health needs in the policy arena and evaluate health reform proposals put forward by policymakers and candidates.
- Create partnerships between women’s health advocates and consumer health advocacy organizations. RWV aims to bring together women’s health and health policy advocates to strengthen understanding of each other’s perspectives and create a more powerful network for change.
- Inform and educate key health policy-makers about women’s perspectives on health care reform. RWV will focus the attention of policymakers on the need to include comprehensive women’s health care in plans for expanding health coverage.

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