

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2017

Statement on Women's Health Week

May 14, 2017

As we celebrate Women's Health Week, beginning with Mother's Day, we recognize the importance of providing women access to the best, evidence-based health information and care, and growing our medical knowledge through basic and applied research support.

Today, women are living longer, healthier lives than their mothers. The number of women dying from heart disease and cancer—the top two killers of women in America—has been decreasing for decades. Thanks to new breast cancer treatments, our health care professionals have saved lives and improved the quality of life for millions of women. We must continue to foster an environment that rewards these needed advances in research.

Ensuring affordable, accessible, and quality healthcare is critical to improving women's health and ensuring that it fits their priorities at any stage of life. In particular, women should have access to quality prenatal, maternal, and newborn care. Under the current healthcare system, however, the lack of choice in health insurance and in healthcare providers, along with skyrocketing premium and out-of-pocket costs, are failing our citizens, our families, and, in particular, our women. Studies show that women are often the primary healthcare decision-maker for their family and they deserve better options.

I am committed to working with Congress to help mothers—and fathers—have paid family leave so that childcare is accessible and affordable, and to invest in the comprehensive care that women receive at community health centers. Through these reforms, and my 2018 Presidential Budget, we will enable access to the critical healthcare services women need.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP

The White House,
May 14, 2017.

Categories: Statements by the President : Women's Health Week.

Subjects: Budget, Federal : Fiscal year 2018 budget; Health and medical care : Affordability and costs; Health and medical care : Insurance coverage and access to providers; Health and medical care : Women's health issues; Holidays and special observances : Mother's Day; Holidays and special observances : Women's Health Week.

DCPD Number: DCPD201700332.