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NEW U.S. FORUM COMMITTEE ELECTED

The U.S. Forum Committee for the 2012-4 biennium is
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TITLE IX AND BULLYING

Although there is currently pending legislation in the House of Representatives (H.R.458) about attempting to enforce Title IX as it relates to sports in elementary and high schools, no corresponding bill has been introduced in the Senate in this session of Congress. Bullying in schools has been addressed in the law under Title IX with complaints going to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in the Department of Education. AAUW has produced a long report on bullying and has made PowerPoint presentations available to the public on line. The report from AAUW titled “Crossing the Line” can be viewed at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm>

PROGRAM POSSIBILITY – AAUW has addressed the problem of bullying in the schools through PowerPoint Presentations which can be used to share their findings at meetings, conferences, and other events. To access these programs you can click on the appropriate link below.

- [Long presentation](#)
- [Short presentation](#)
- [Presentation for administrators](#)
- [Presentation for educators](#)
- [Presentation for parents](#)

HEALTHCARE LAW (for more details go to www.healthcare.gov)

www.healthreform.kff.org/subsidycalculator

2010

- [50% discount for name-brand drugs in the Medicare "donut hole," one-time, tax free \\$250 rebate check](#) – gradually close “donut-hole” with elimination in 2020
- [Expanded coverage for young adults](#)
- [Small business tax credits](#)

- [Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plans](#)
- Expanding Coverage for Early Retirees
- Providing Access to Insurance for Uninsured Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions (this includes diabetes, asthma, pregnancy among others)
- Preventing disease and illness

2011

- Free Preventive Care for Seniors (free annual health check up)
- Bringing Down Health Care Premiums
- Addressing Overpayments to Big Insurance Companies and Strengthening Medicare Advantage
- Improving Care for Seniors after They Leave the Hospital
- Increasing Access to Services at Home and in the Community

2012

- Providing New, Voluntary Options for Long-Term Care Insurance
- Reducing Paperwork and Administrative Costs

As of August 1, 2012 the following medical services for women which require no deductible as well as no copay take effect (i.e. these services are free). The source for this information is AAUW.

- Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling;
- Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence;
- Screening for gestational diabetes;
- DNA testing for high-risk strains of HPV;
- Counseling regarding sexually transmitted infections, including HIV;
- Screening for HIV;
- Well woman visits.

2014

- Eliminating Annual Limits on Insurance Coverage
- No Discrimination Due to Pre-Existing Conditions or Gender
- Increasing Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit

2015

- Paying Physicians Based on Value Not Volume

POWERPOINTS FROM NLS AVAILABLE

Several of the organizations which made presentations at the National Legislative Seminar in March 2012 have agreed to let our members use their PowerPoint presentations for DKG programs in chapters and states. Those organizations agreeing to share PowerPoint materials are the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the American Heart Association (AHA), the National Women's Law Center (NWLCC), and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF). In an effort to see what is possible, I am attempting to attach the PowerPoint for the National Women's History Museum to this issue.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) [this is a toll free number]. You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/111/bills/>
FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

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