

Preventive Services for Women-Chance for National Input to Institute of Medicine (IOM) Workgroup

I. Looking at the “Preventive Services Now Covered under the Affordable Care Act,” what are the evidence-based services or medical goods related to nutrition and breastfeeding that should be reimbursed for women? Now is the time to submit written testimony to an Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee addressing preventive services for women to be part of the Affordable Health Care Act. Testimony needs to include 1) specific services and medical goods recommendations and 2) evidence based data and literature to support recommendations including documentation that these services would be preventive.

II. IOM Committee: Preventive Services for Women:

<http://www.iom.edu/Activities/Women/PreventiveServicesWomen.aspx>

“The IOM will review what preventive services are necessary for women's health and well-being and should be considered in the development of comprehensive guidelines for preventive services for women. The IOM will also provide guidance on a process for regularly updating the preventive screenings and services to be considered. In conducting its work, the IOM will: conduct a series of meetings to examine existing prevention guidelines. They will obtain input from stakeholders, identify gaps that may exist in recommended preventive services for United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Grade A and B preventive services guidelines and in Bright Futures for women and for adolescents, and highlight specific services and screenings that could supplement currently recommended preventive services for women.”

III. Preventive Services Now Covered under the Affordable Care Act:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/law/about/provisions/services/lists.html>

IV. Example Resources for recommended Services and Medical Goods:

- the United States Lactation Consultant Association

http://www.uslca.org/documents/White%20Paper/Reimbursement_White_Paper.pdf

http://www.uslca.org/documents/Job%20Security/5_STEP_HANDOUT3.pdf

- National Business Group on Health

<http://www.businessgrouphealth.org/preventive/background.cfm>

V. IOM contact for more information or to submit comments:

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The Workgroup met three times. IOM set May 2, 2011 as a deadline date for submission of testimony. This is the date that they can confirm all members of the committee can read the testimony. Testimony can be submitted after that date but without confirmation that all committee members will read it.