

Health Reform and Ob-Gyns

Pros for Ob-Gyns

- **Fewer Uninsured.** Up to 15 million currently uninsured women gain coverage by 2014.
- **National Direct Access to Ob-Gyn Care.**
- **Continued Ob-Gyn Use of Ultrasound.**
- **Mandated Maternity and Women's Preventive Health Coverage.**
- **Insurance Reforms:** No gender-rated premiums; no pre-existing condition exclusions; no waiting periods over 90 days; no annual lifetime limits; no coverage rescissions unless for fraud. By 2014, reforms improve coverage for 14.5 million women.
- **Ob-Gyn Participation in Medical Homes for Women.**
- **Easier Medicaid Coverage of Family Planning.** States can cover women with incomes over the Medicaid eligibility level without federal waivers.
- **Medicaid Payment for Smoking Cessation Counseling.**
- **More Research into Postpartum Depression.**
- **Standardized Health Information Technology (HIT).**

Problems for Ob-Gyns

- **A Shift to Large Group Practices.**
- **Roadblocks to Abortion Coverage.**
- **Increased Inclusion of Lay Midwives.**

Cons for All Physicians

- **The IPAB, the 15-Person Medicare Cost-Cutting Body.** ACOG's top repeal priority.
- **No SGR Repeal.**
- **No Meaningful Medical Liability Reform.**