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Women's City Club of New York Hosts Panel Discussion on Establishing Single-Payer Health Insurance in New York State

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Following its Centennial Conference *From Inequality to Equality* held in September 2016, the Women's City Club of New York (WCC) will host a panel discussion on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 to discuss the status of the New York Health Act which aims to establish single-payer health insurance in New York State. This panel will build upon the discussion at the Centennial Conference regarding disparities in the health care system, which can be seen [here](#). The panel is co-sponsored by Beth Israel Department of Family Medicine and Physicians for a National Health Program, New York Metro Chapter.

New York State opted into the Affordable Care Act of 2010, expanding access to healthcare for over 400,000 people. However, disparities remain in the country's healthcare system, rooted in social, economic, and political inequalities. One recent study showed that approximately 8% of women in New York State currently are uninsured, compared to 6% of the overall population in New York State.

One proposed solution to address the issue of uninsured groups is the New York Health Act (A5062/S3525), which will remove the financial barriers to health care and guarantee coverage to all New Yorkers. A new study, *Economic Analysis of the New York Health Act*, documented \$45 billion net savings to families, businesses, and taxpayers if the Act is implemented. The study found that 98% of all households would pay less for healthcare than they do now, 200,000 jobs would be created, and women would have guaranteed access to reproductive care.

On Tuesday, January 31, WCC will host a panel discussion on the current status of the New York Health Act. Moderated by Mary E. O'Brien, MD, Board Member, Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), the panel features: Richard N. Gottfried, Chair, New York State Assembly Committee on Health; Max Hadler, Health Advocacy Specialist, New York Immigration Coalition; and, Dr. Linda Prine, Medical Director, Reproductive Health Access Project, Director, Women's Health, Institute for Family Health.

WCC also will show a shortened version of "Fix It! Healthcare At The Tipping Point," a documentary that takes an in-depth look into the current state of our healthcare system.

What: Women's City Club of New York holds panel on establishing single-payer health insurance in New York State, featuring: Mary E. O'Brien, MD, Board Member, Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP); Richard N. Gottfried, Chair, New York State Assembly Committee on Health; Max Hadler, Health Advocacy Specialist, New York Immigration Coalition; and, Dr. Linda Prine, Medical Director, Reproductive Health Access Project, Director, Women's Health, Institute for Family Health.



When: Tuesday, January 31, 2017; 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Where: Mount Sinai Beth Israel/Phillips Ambulatory Care Center
10 Union Square East, Friedman Conference Center, 2nd Floor

To register: Click here or visit <http://bit.ly/2iNSsCb>, call 212-353-8070 ext. 101, or email info@wccny.org.

About Women's City Club of New York

Women's City Club of New York (WCC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan, multi-issue activist organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. WCC shapes public policy through education, issues analysis, advocacy, and civic participation. As WCC enters its second century of activism, it continues to pursue economic, racial, and gender justice with the goal of dismantling the social inequities that deprive citizens of the opportunity to thrive. Through member-led Task Forces, WCC conducts research, publishes reports, fosters dialogue with public officials, and launches public education and multi-year advocacy campaigns in the following focus areas: Criminal Justice, The Environment, Good Government, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Income Inequality, and Public Education. For more information, visit <http://www.wccny.org>.

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