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Join us... On Tuesday, March 30, there will be an informational public hearing on gender discrimination in the health insurance market. Women are paying up to 30% more for health insurance than men simply because of their gender. Please come and learn about the inequalities in the system and what can be done to rectify the problem.

Speakers will include the National Women's Law Center based in Washington, D.C. and Jamie Stirling, CEO of Stirling Benefits of Milford. The presentation will include how the federal health care reform bill will impact the gender rating used by health insurance companies.

**Informational Hearing on Gender Discrimination in the Health
Insurance Market
Tuesday, March 30
1:00 PM
Legislative Office Building, Room 2D**

This hearing is being organized by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. It is being sponsored by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, and Citizens for Economic Opportunity.

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About the PCSW: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1973 under Sec. 46a of the Connecticut General Statutes to study "all matters concerning women, and in furtherance of that responsibility shall: (a) inform leaders of business, education, State and local governments and the communications media of the nature and scope of the problem of sex discrimination, with a view to enlisting their support in working toward improvement; (b) serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women; (c) promote consideration of qualified women for all levels of government positions; (d) oversee coordination and assess programs and practices in all State agencies as they affect women."