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RE: Affordable Care Act Provision Will Go into Effect Tomorrow

“Tomorrow, women throughout the state – and across the nation – can breathe a sigh of relief when several key provisions of the Affordable Care Act go into effect. Many critical preventive care services will be available with no co-pays or deductibles for women with employer-sponsored health insurance.

“Some of these health-enhancing – and in some cases life-saving – services include: gestational diabetes screening, HPV DNA testing, HIV screening and counseling, contraception and contraceptive counseling, breastfeeding support and supplies and domestic violence screening.

“The PCSW applauds all those in our Congressional delegation who worked so hard to ensure that women’s health – and especially these all-important preventive measures – is protected.”

N.B. Here is a link to the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals info page on the ACA:

<http://www.arhp.org/policy-and-advocacy/policy-recommendations/affordable-care-act>

About the PCSW: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1973 under Sec. 46a-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes to study and improve Connecticut women’s economic security, health and safety; to promote consideration of qualified women to leadership positions and to work toward the elimination of gender discrimination. As a non-partisan arm of the General Assembly, the agency monitors, critiques and recommends changes to legislation in order to inform public policy, and assesses programs and practices in all State agencies for their effect on the state’s women. The PCSW serves as a liaison between government and its diverse constituents, and convenes stakeholders, including the business, non-profit and educational communities, local governments, and the media, in order to promote awareness of women’s issues.