

*Do your area candidates support women's health?  
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## Top 5 Questions to Ask Your Candidate about Women's Health Issues

### 1. Health Care Reform

The health care crisis is one of the biggest worries for women who are concerned about their families' health care and economic well-being. The best way to give women peace of mind and make sure families can get affordable health care is to enact comprehensive health reform giving every family a choice of quality, health plan that is affordable to buy and use.

*Do you support comprehensive health care reform that would ensure every woman and her family in Wisconsin has access to quality, affordable health coverage?*

### 2. Comprehensive, Medically Accurate Sex Education

Unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates for teens are shockingly high in our state. Research shows that responsible, age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education works to delay onset of sexual activity and helps to prevent teen pregnancies and reduce STI's. Polls show that 85% of Americans support sex education that includes information about abstinence, contraception, and disease prevention.

*Do you support the funding of and teaching of responsible, age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education, including information about both abstinence and contraception, in Wisconsin schools?*

### 3. Mental Health Parity

A recent survey revealed that 43.2% of Wisconsin women reported poor mental health during the past 30 days. The combined indirect and related costs of untreated mental illness, including costs of lost productivity, lost earning due to illness, and social costs exceed \$113 billion annually. Studies suggest that insurance coverage of mental illness and substance abuse can decrease overall medical costs yet Wisconsin remains 1 of only 13 states without some type of mental health parity legislation.

*Would you support a Wisconsin Mental Health Parity Act which would provide equal coverage of mental health services under health insurance policies?*

### 4. Funding for Family Planning

In Wisconsin, over 300,500 low-income women are in need of publicly supported contraceptive and family planning services, yet only 93,000 are currently receiving those services. Low-income women may obtain subsidized family planning services from health centers that receive state and federal funding under programs such as Title V and Title X. Services offered at these health centers include: annual exams; cancer screenings; contraceptive services; family planning and pregnancy counseling. Every year demand increases for these services, yet spending remains below what is needed to serve this demand.

*Would you support continued and increased public funding for family planning services?*

### 5. Access to Birth Control

A woman who wants two children will spend approximately three decades of her life trying not to get pregnant. Birth control is a basic component of women's health care, yet opponents of contraception want to allow pharmacists, pharmacies and other health care workers to refuse to provide birth control and impose their own beliefs on others.

*Would you support legislation requiring all pharmacists and pharmacies to dispense safe, valid birth control prescriptions?*

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