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### **Partnership Testifies before IOM Panel on Women's Preventive Services**

In testimony before the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Preventive Services for Women, Partnership's President, Jud Richland, called on the panel to support insurance coverage for services with proven effectiveness and to be cautious about recommending services with limited evidence of effectiveness. The Committee is charged with recommending coverage for women's preventive services beyond those services already covered by the new health reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Richland called on the Committee to support incentives for healthcare organizations and providers who use evidence-based systems to increase delivery of clinical preventive services. The CDC-sponsored Task Force on Community Preventive Services has identified numerous evidence-based interventions that healthcare organizations can implement to increase delivery of clinical preventive services.

Richland stressed the importance of increasing delivery of high impact preventive services that are already covered under the new law. Utilization rates are under 50% for some of the highest value services, such as daily aspirin use, tobacco cessation, and colorectal cancer screening. Increasing delivery of these services would save tens of thousands of lives each year and would have a greater impact on overall health than would requiring coverage of new services of uncertain benefit.

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