



Advocacy Update

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Ban on Reproductive Health Coverage for Women with Preexisting Conditions

The Obama administration has recently indicated that abortion coverage will be excluded from the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plans (high-risk insurance pools under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Under these circumstances, vulnerable women who are part of these pools because they have diabetes, cancer, or other serious health issues will be unable to access abortion coverage, excepting only cases of rape, incest, or danger to their lives.

For more information, read the statement issued by Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, condemning these limits.

Take action now! [Send an e-mail](#) letter urging President Obama to reconsider his administration's exclusion of needed abortion coverage for women with preexisting health conditions.

News on the Rotem Conversion Bill

Rabbi Danny Allen, executive director of ARZA and Rabbi Naamah Kelman, dean of HUC Jerusalem were interviewed on NPR's Morning Edition yesterday.

Read ongoing reports on the issue by Rabbi Allen at www.arza.org and on the [ARZA Facebook page](#).

Follow up on Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Advocacy for reauthorization of child nutrition legislation that is due to expire in September continues to be necessary. Among other efforts, WRJ participated with 137 other organizations in an [ad calling for reauthorization of child nutrition legislation](#) that appeared today in the Capitol Hill newspapers Roll Call and CQ Today.

The U.S. National Committee for World Food Day has posted its [2010 World Food Day website](#). You can ask your rabbi to do a sermon on child hunger in North America or on global hunger during Sukkot. Although October 16th is World Food Day, you can plan programming anytime in October, or indeed, throughout the year.