



Welcome to Unit 2 where we will cover social determinants of health and access to health care.

Women's health is not just a matter of biological or genetic risk factors. Rather, women's health is impacted by a variety of environmental, political, and social factors. These are what make up the Social Determinants of Health, which we will explore this unit. Additionally, we will learn about the different structures of health insurance in the United States and examine how the Affordable Care Act will impact how we access health care in the United States.

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Define and explain social determinants of health

Describe the different types of insurance coverage available in the United States.

Identify how the Affordable Care Act will impact women's health insurance coverage.

Demonstrate that insurance coverage is a social determinant of health.

At the end of the unit, you will need to respond to the first discussion post. **Describe why you think access to health care (i.e., insurance coverage) is a social determinant of health. Provide at least one concrete example.**