

Health insurers offer another concession

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(AP) -- The health insurance industry has offered to end its practice of charging higher premiums to women.

It was the latest concession offered by health insurers as [Congress](#) works to overhaul the nation's \$2.5 trillion [health care system](#).

The health insurance industry is trying to head off creation of a government insurance plan that would compete with them, something many Democrats favor.

Women are now often charged more than men in the individual market, but officials from America's [Health Insurance](#) Plans say that should not be done any longer if all Americans are required to get coverage.

The proposal came as the Senate Finance Committee convened a round-table on covering the uninsured. The industry has previously offered to stop charging more to sick people.

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