



**HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES**  
*Coalition of Georgia*

**HMHB Legislative Alert**  
**Monday March 10, 2008**  
**Urgent Action Needed Today**

Urgent action needed! On Tuesday House members will vote on HB 977 threatening preventive health care for women and children.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact your State Representative immediately and ask him or her to vote "No" on HB 977.** Let him or her know your concerns about HB 977 and other health insurance legislation that threatens preventive health care for women and children. Preventive care needs to be covered before families have to satisfy a \$2,200+ deductible under this type of insurance plan. Also, HB 977 needs to include language that requires a clear explanation of what a health plan does and does not cover so that people will know exactly what they are buying.

Advocates have been following several bills dealing with health insurance. Attempts to work with bill sponsors to include language that protects health care services such as mammograms, pap smears, after childbirth hospital stays, newborn coverage, immunizations and other preventive health care have been short-circuited by House leaders. HB 1087 (a bill dealing with high deductible health plans) has been added to HB 977 (another bill giving tax preferences to such health insurance policies). **HB 977 has been placed on the House calendar for a vote on 3/11 but a procedural move was made that means when HB 977 comes to the House floor for a vote, it cannot be amended or changed in any way.**

**Please call your legislator to express your concerns about HB 977 today!**

Don't know who your legislators are? If you do not know who your legislators are, you can go to [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) . Once you enter your zip code, you will be told that there are multiple legislators in that district. Instructions direct you to a U.S. Postal Service website that helps you determine your "zip code plus 4." Then you must return to the Vote Smart website to determine your State Representative. For contact information for your State Legislator, you can go to [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) .

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY! HB 977 will be on the House floor for a vote on Tuesday, 3/11!**