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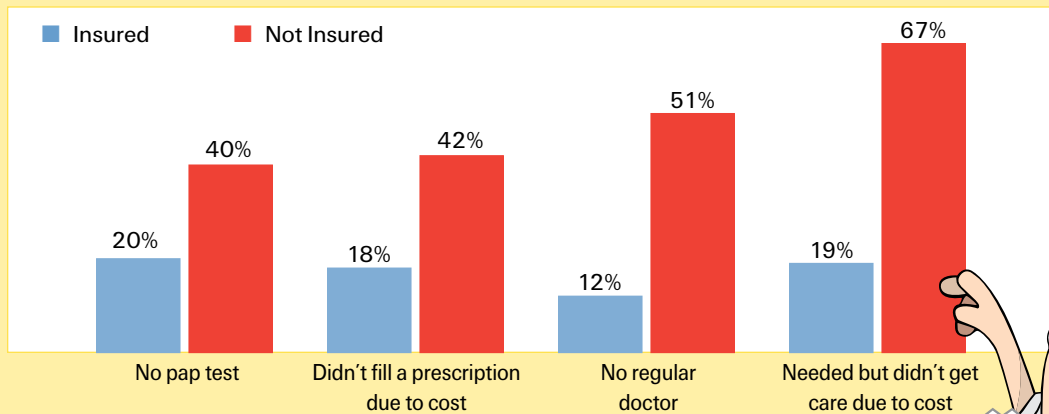
Because women are more likely to have low incomes and work part time, they really feel the pinch of health coverage cost increases. **Almost 17 million women—including nearly one in four women between ages 19 and 64—were uninsured in 2006.** Women are less likely than men to be eligible for or able to afford their part of employer-sponsored health coverage. And because they're more likely to be covered as dependents on a spouse's plan (that's how 24 percent of women got coverage in 2005), women are more vulnerable to losing coverage if they are divorced or widowed.

(Kaiser Family Foundation, Health Insurance Coverage in America 2006 Data Update)

Poor women (41 percent), Latinas (38 percent) and women who did not finish high school (36 percent) are most likely to be uninsured.

Women without insurance are less likely to get the medical care they need.

HEALTH HAZARD: Being an Uninsured Woman



Kaiser Family Foundation Fact Sheet, Women's Health Insurance Coverage, 2/07

