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(Albany, NY) Senator Kevin Parker (D-Brooklyn) today announced the recent passage of legislation that establishes a website that will provide updated information on women's health initiatives and on newly covered preventative health services.

"I am pleased my Senate colleagues and I took this major step forward for women's health," said Senator Parker. "Women are healthier when they can readily find information about new and existing preventative health services available to them. This new website will increase women's access to such information and resources, while ultimately helping to raise awareness among women."

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act made several significant changes to public programs, insurance and other aspects of health policy that affect women's health. In 2010, these provisions took effect on the federal level and were implemented into state law, expanding coverage of certain preventative measures for women's health, such as pregnancy and maternal related services, STD treatment, domestic violence screening, and certain care for aging-related women's health issues. "No one can argue against providing New Yorkers with vital up-to-date health information, and improving their health," Senator Parker concluded. "I look forward to enacting additional common sense legislation such as this to ensure all New Yorkers receive the information and assistance necessary to help them thrive."

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About Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and the

Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.