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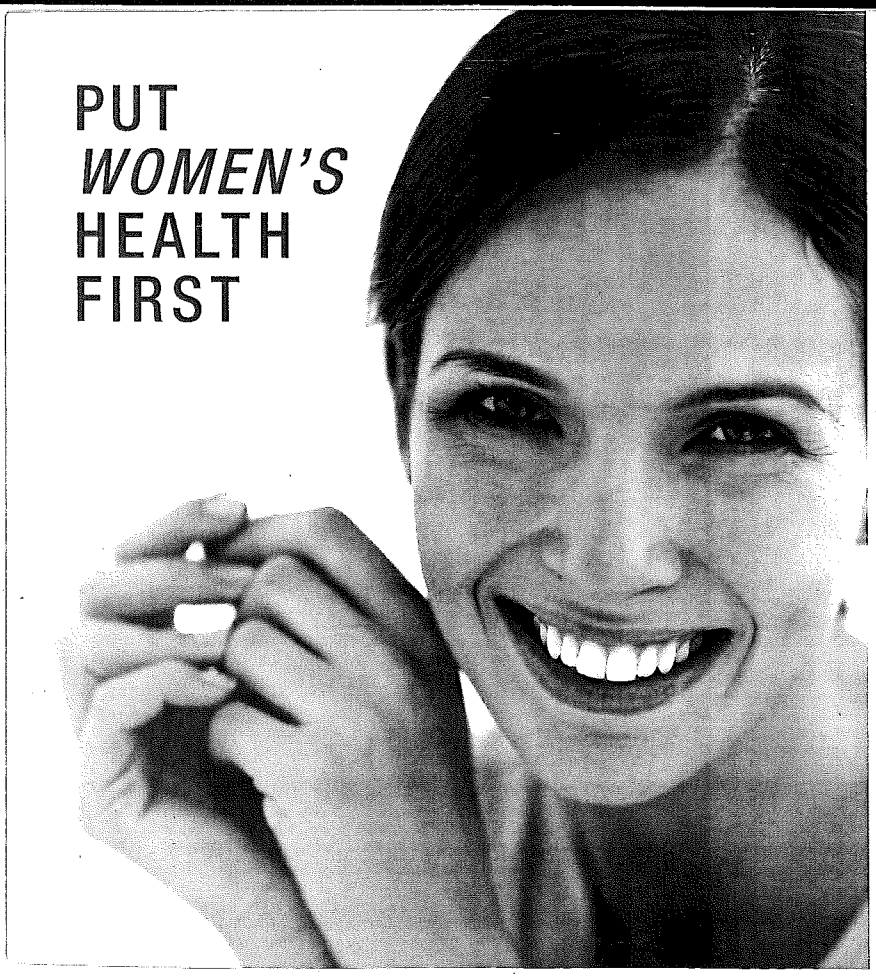

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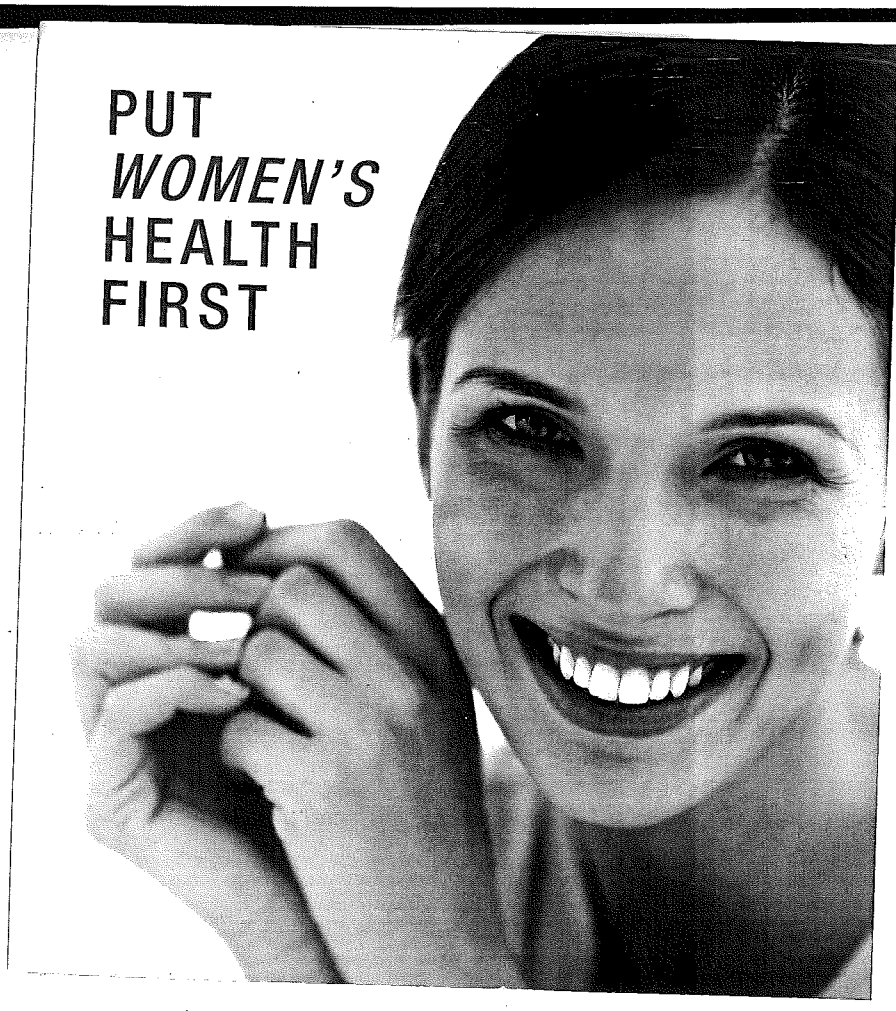

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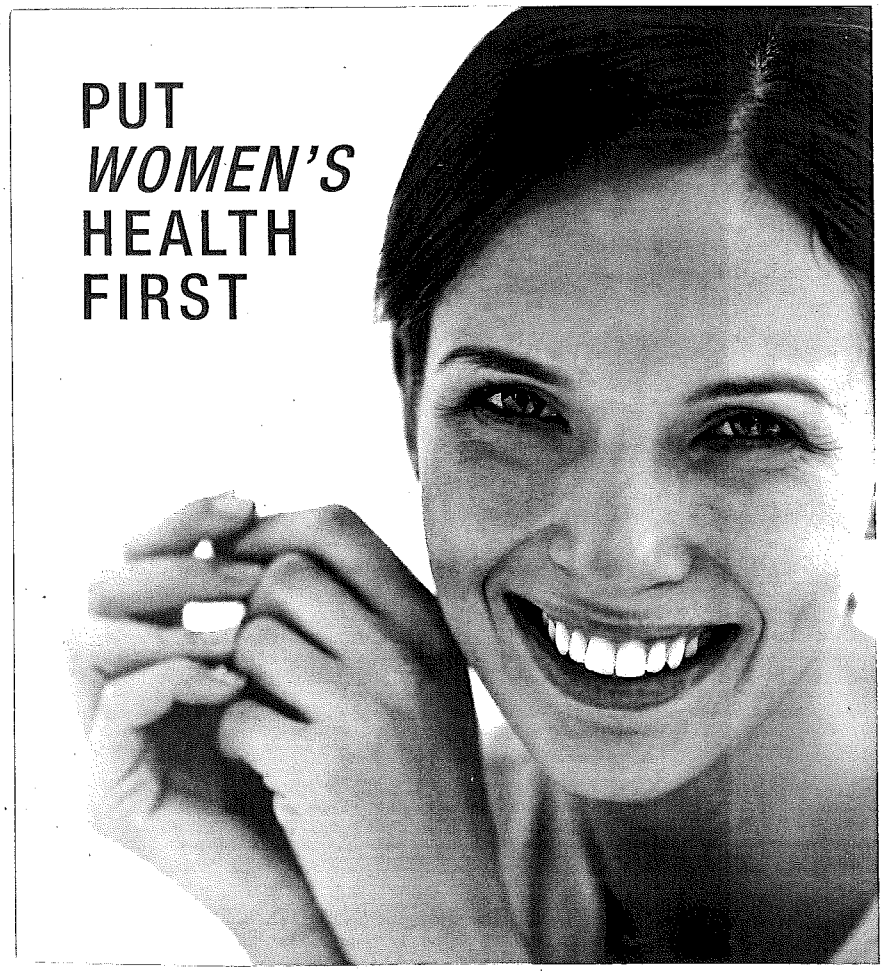

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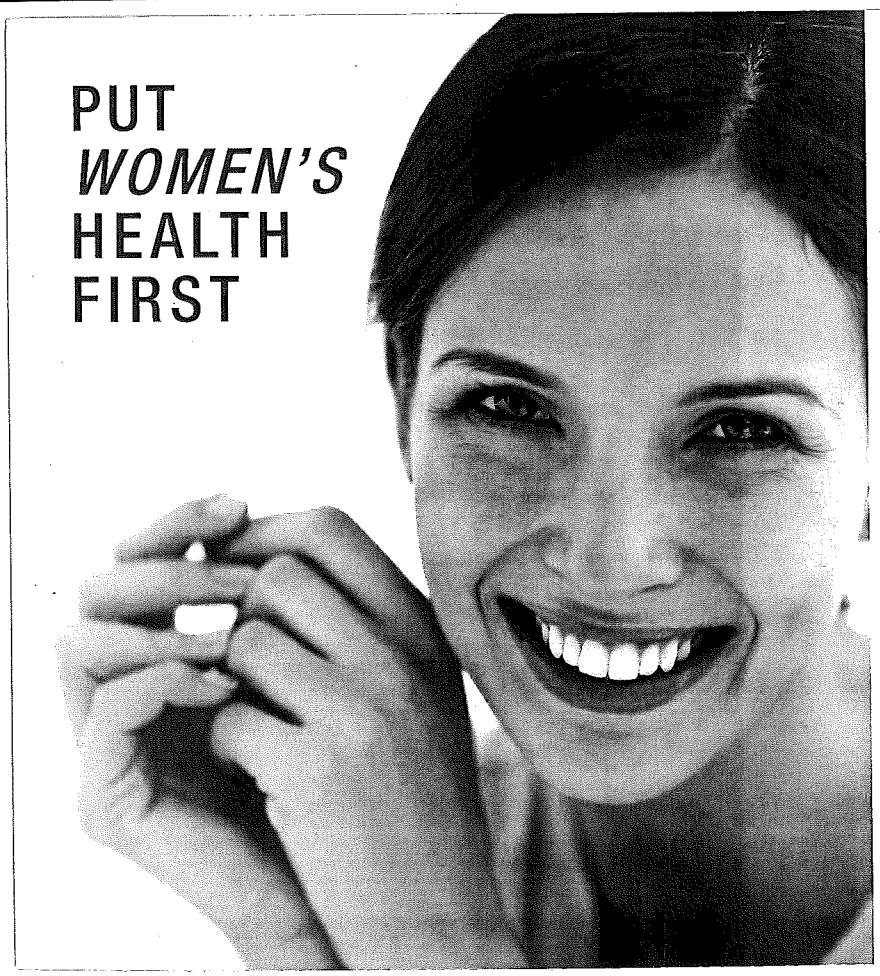

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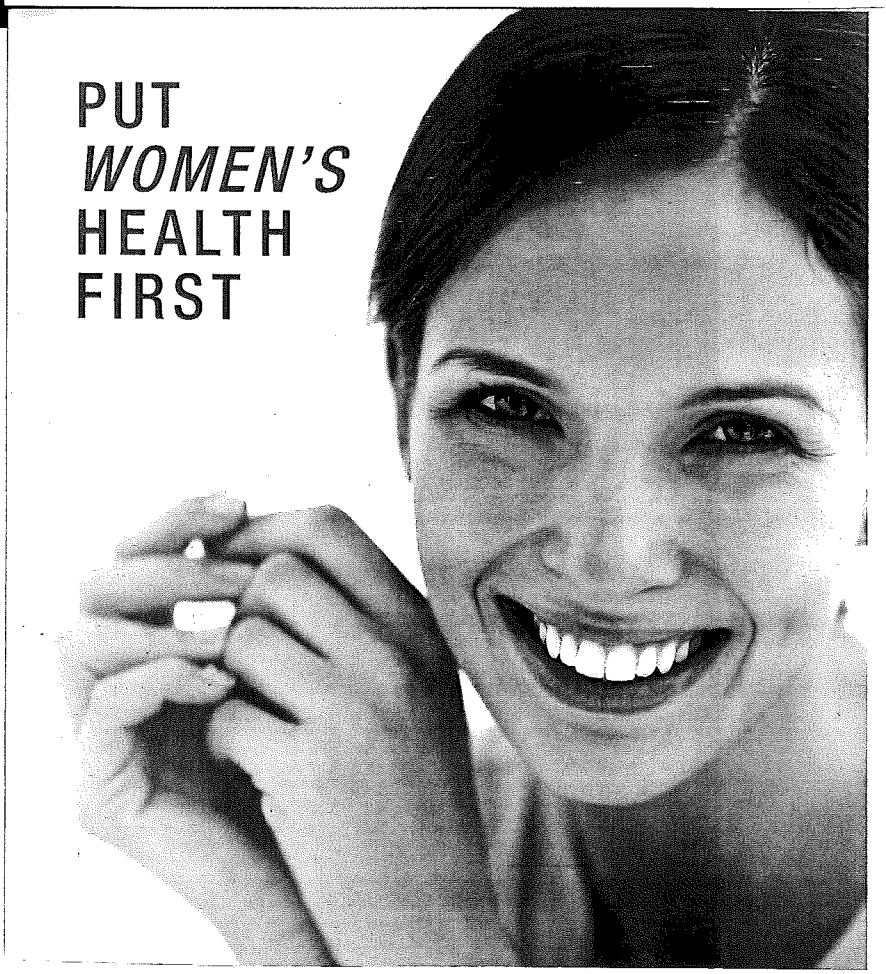

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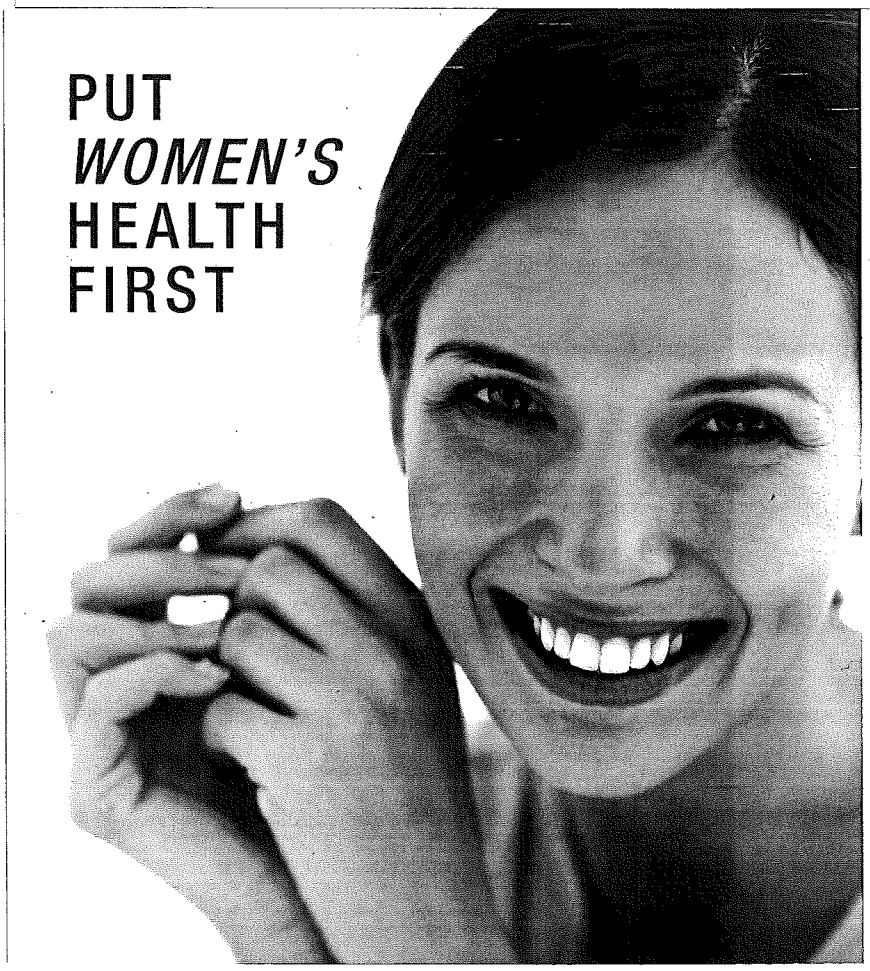

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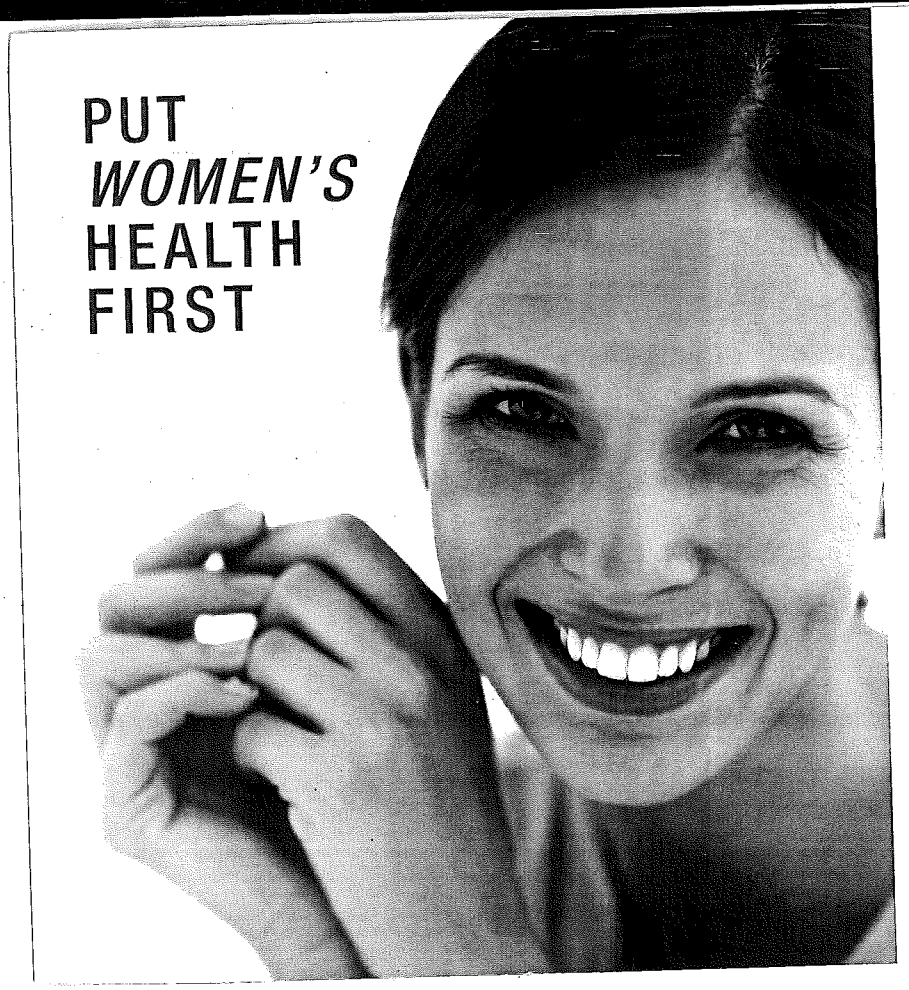

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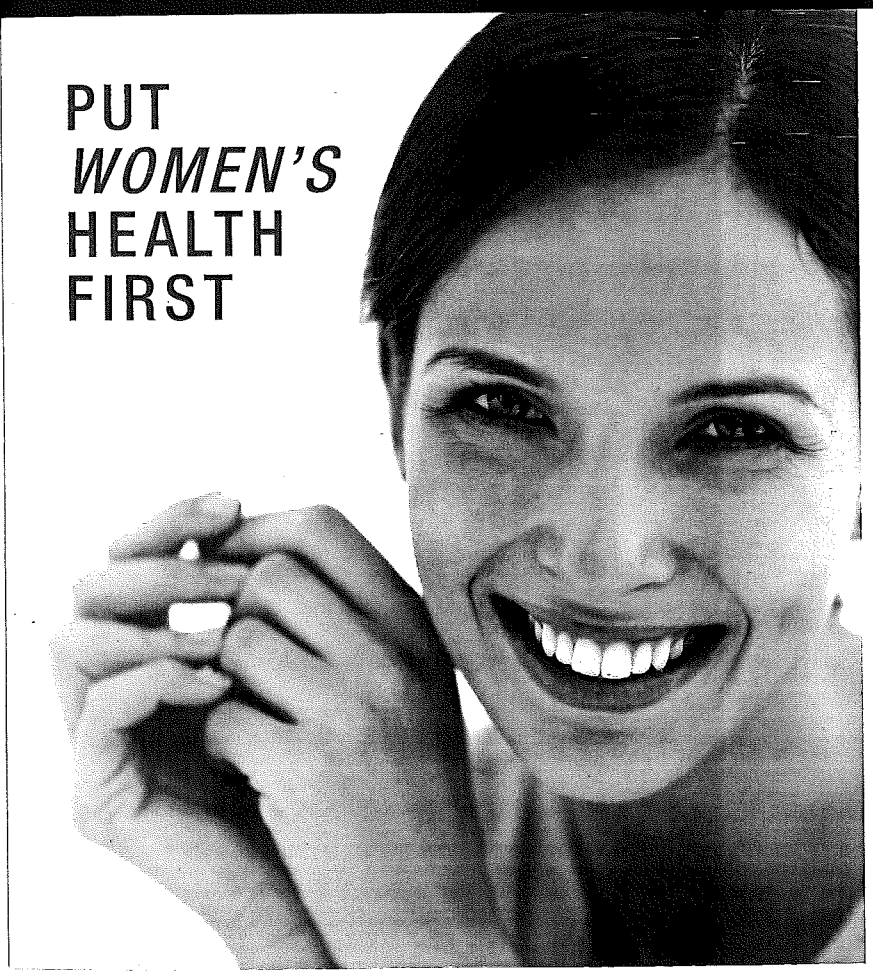

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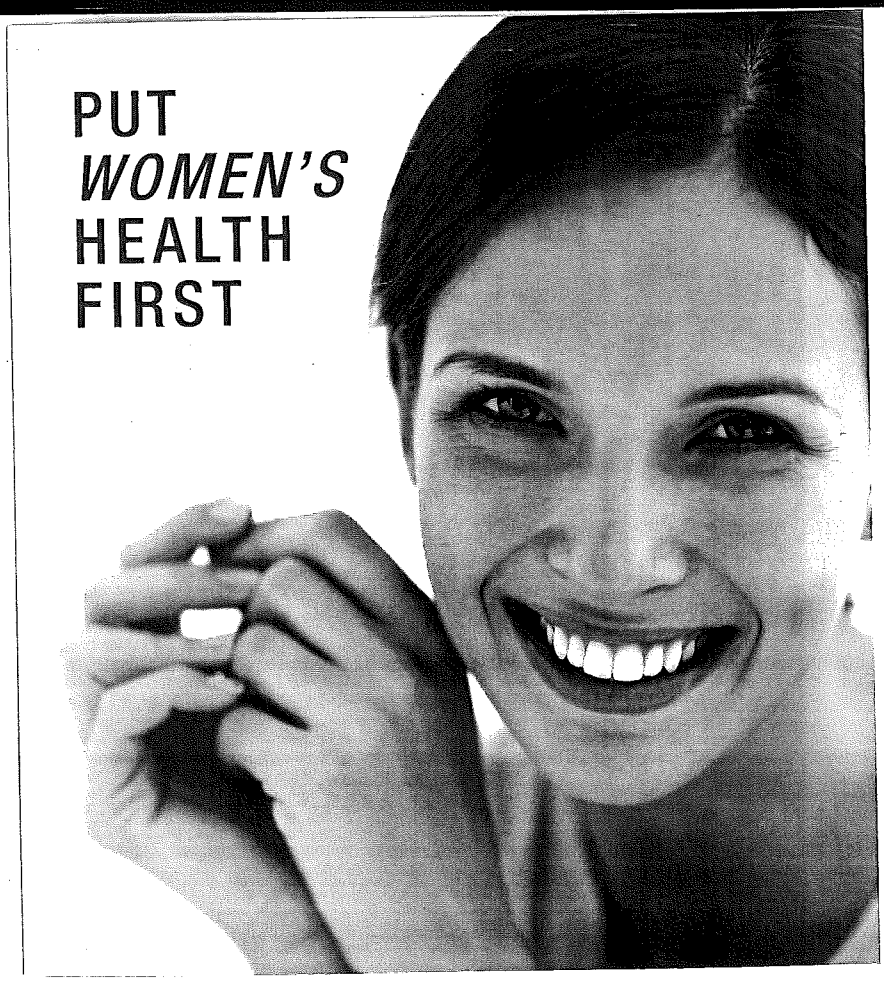

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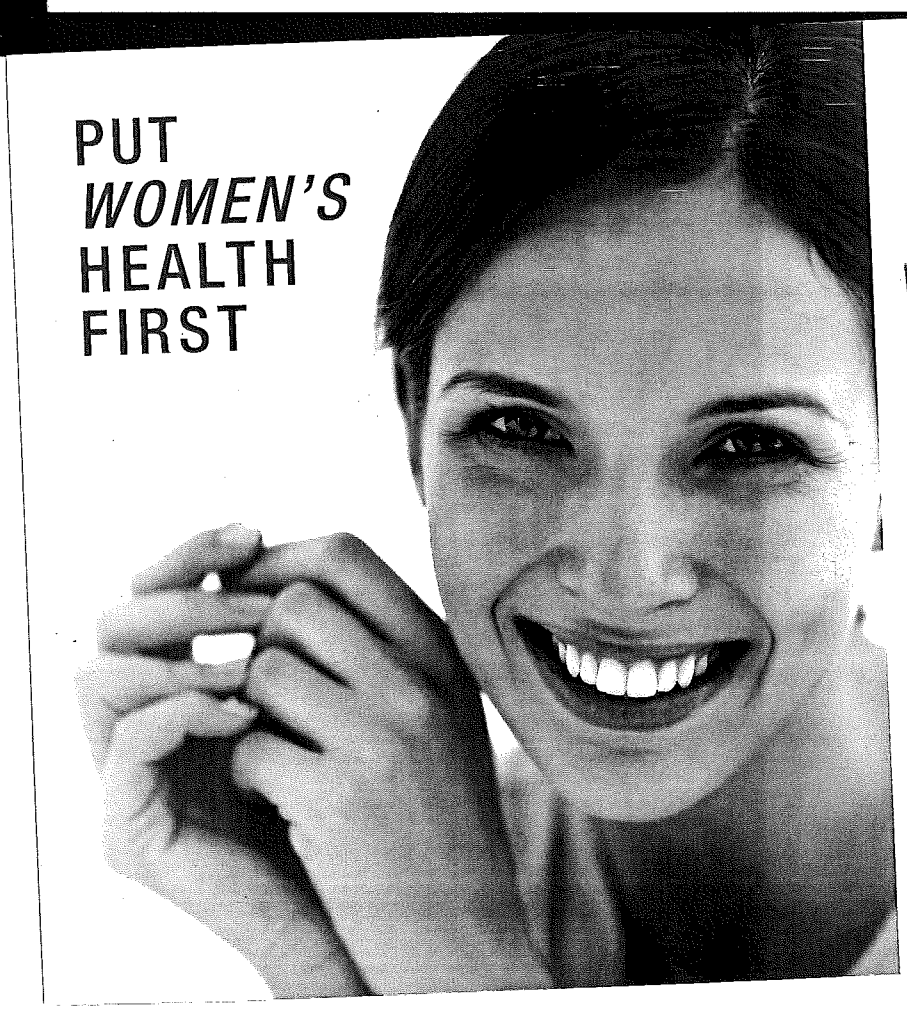

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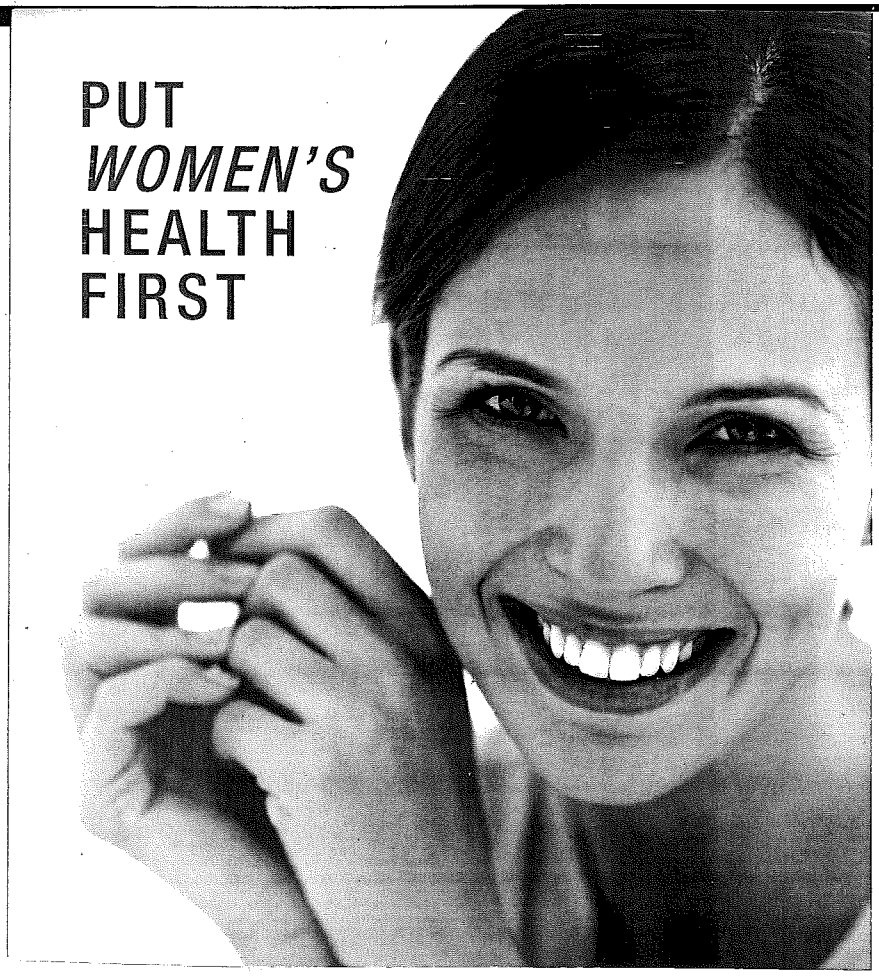

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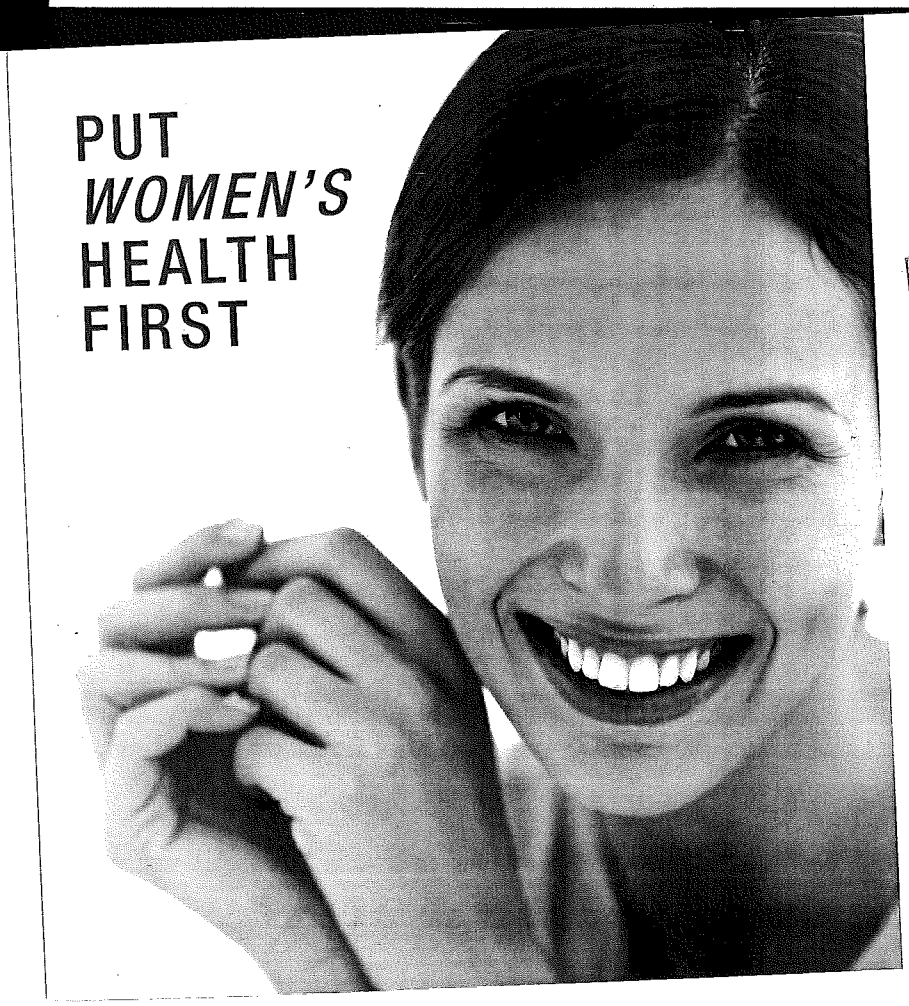

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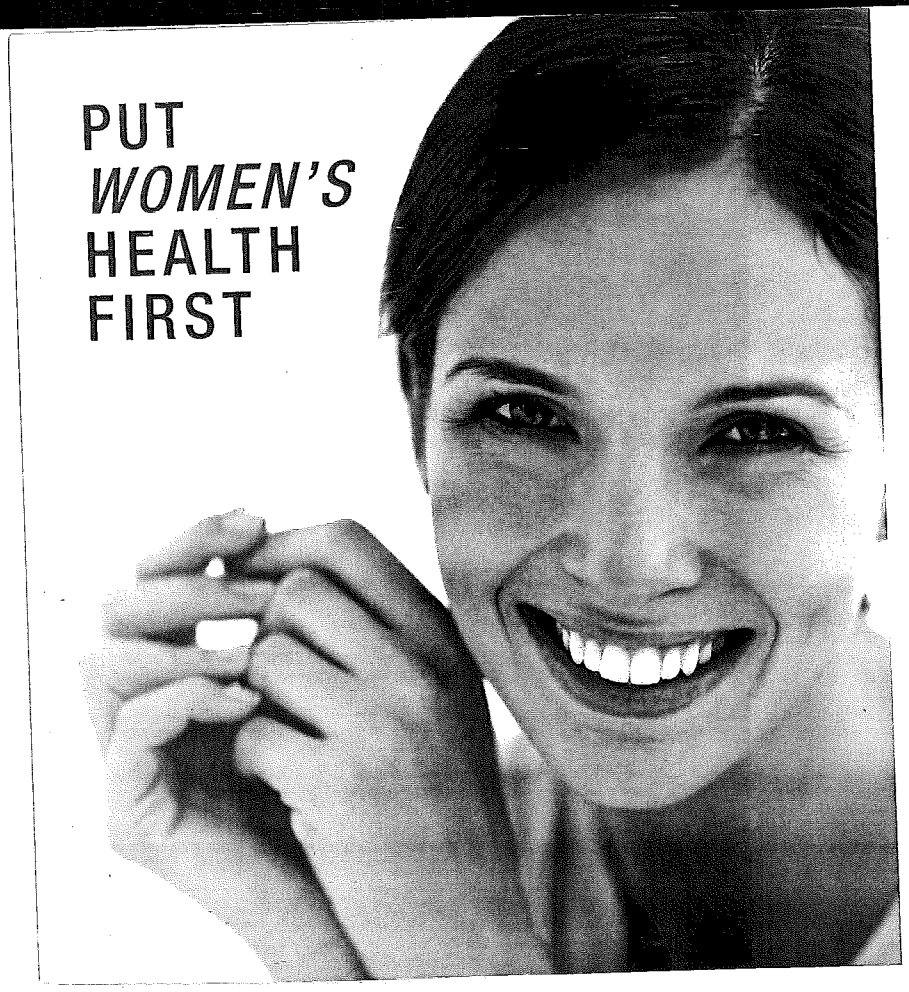

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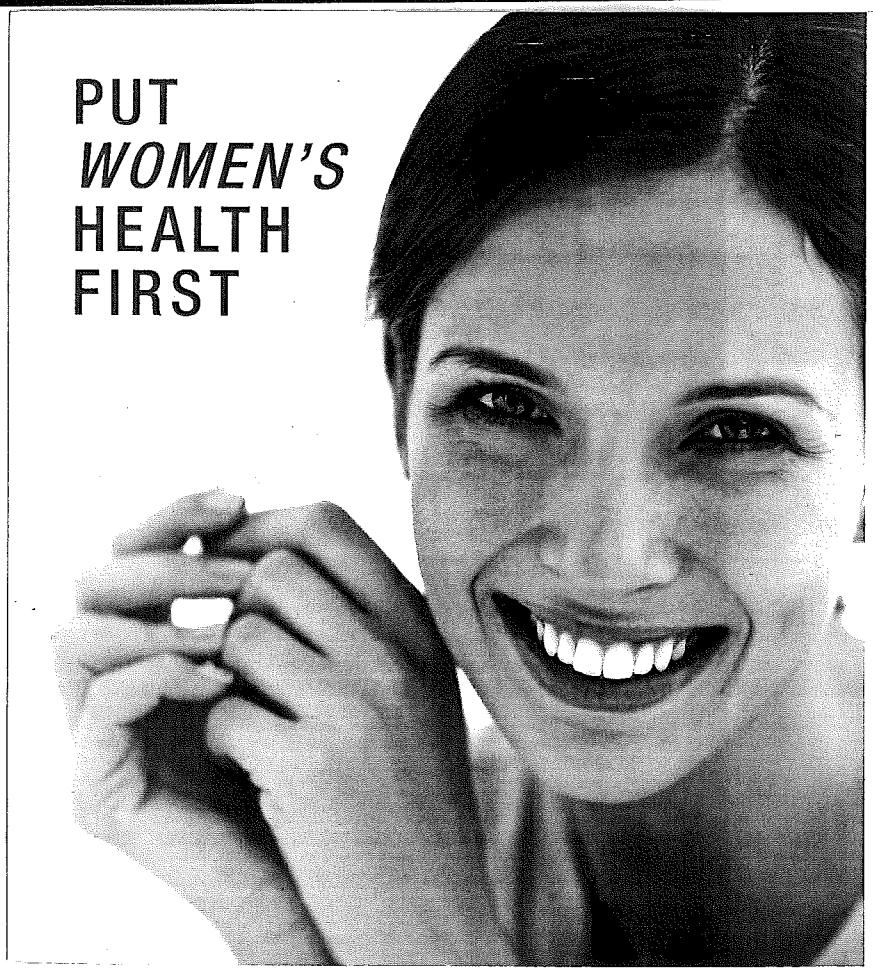

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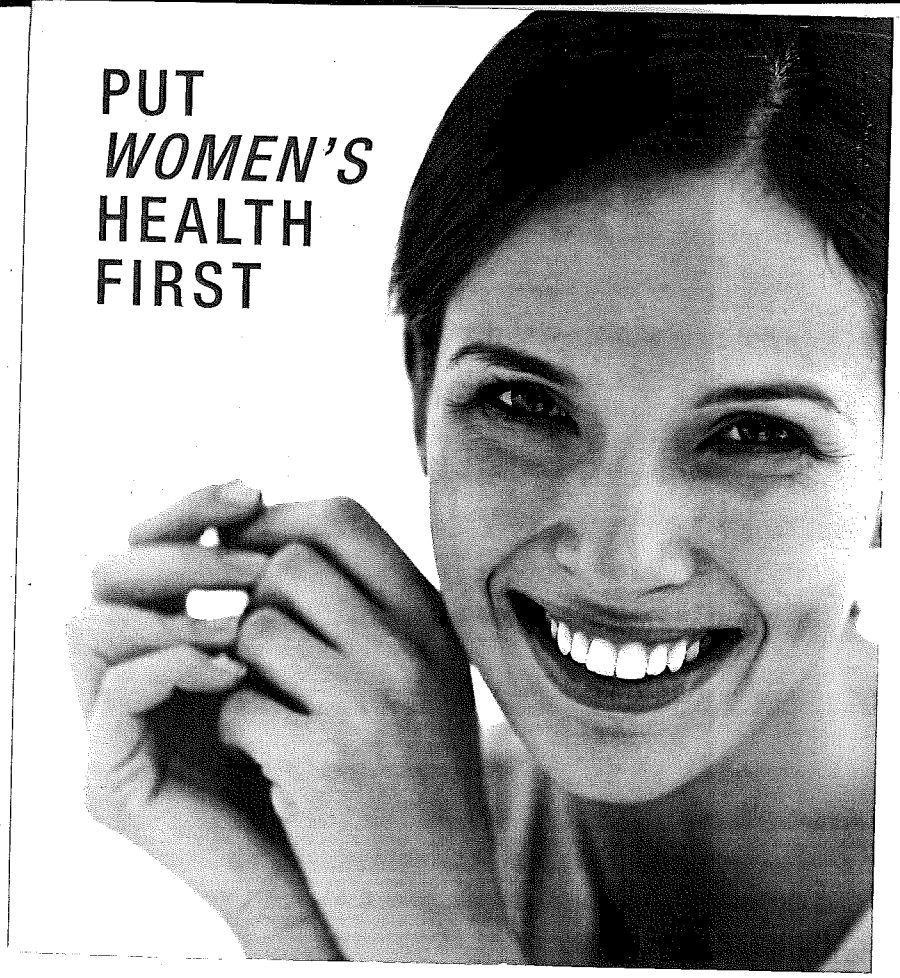

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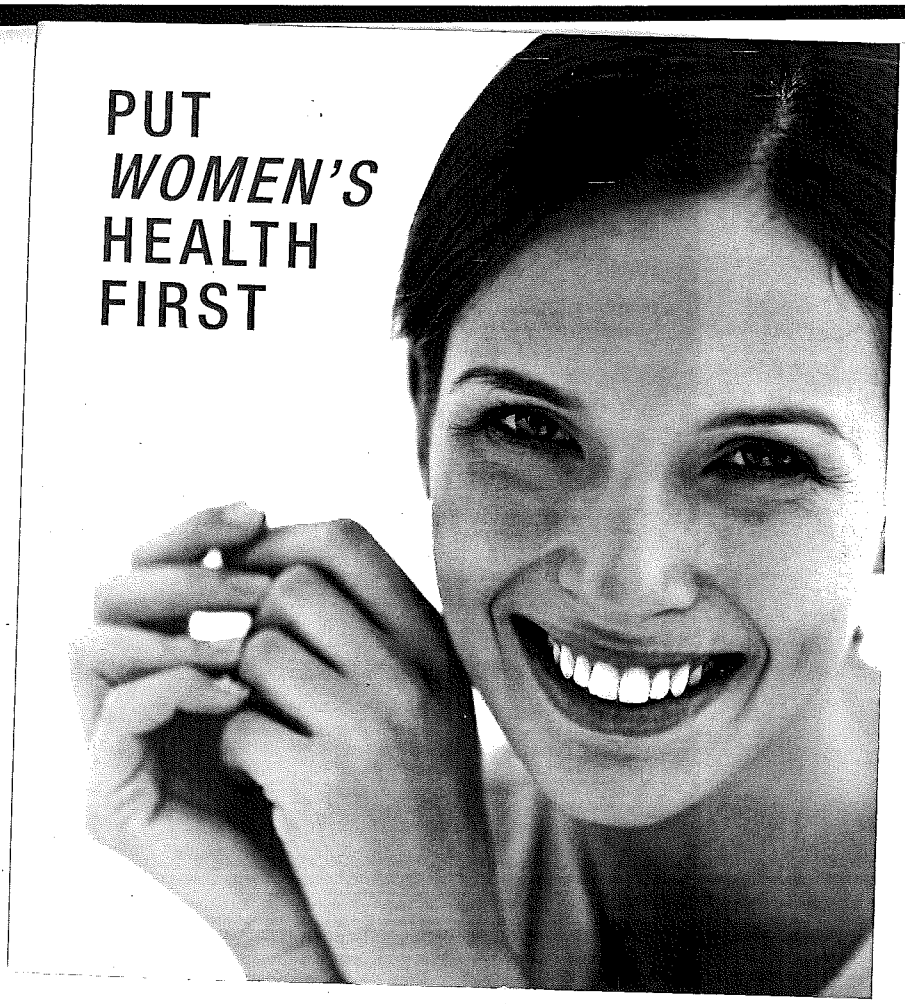

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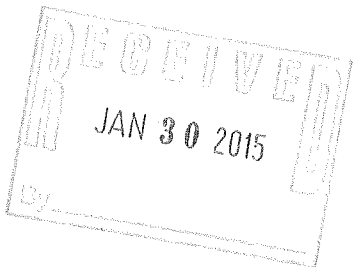

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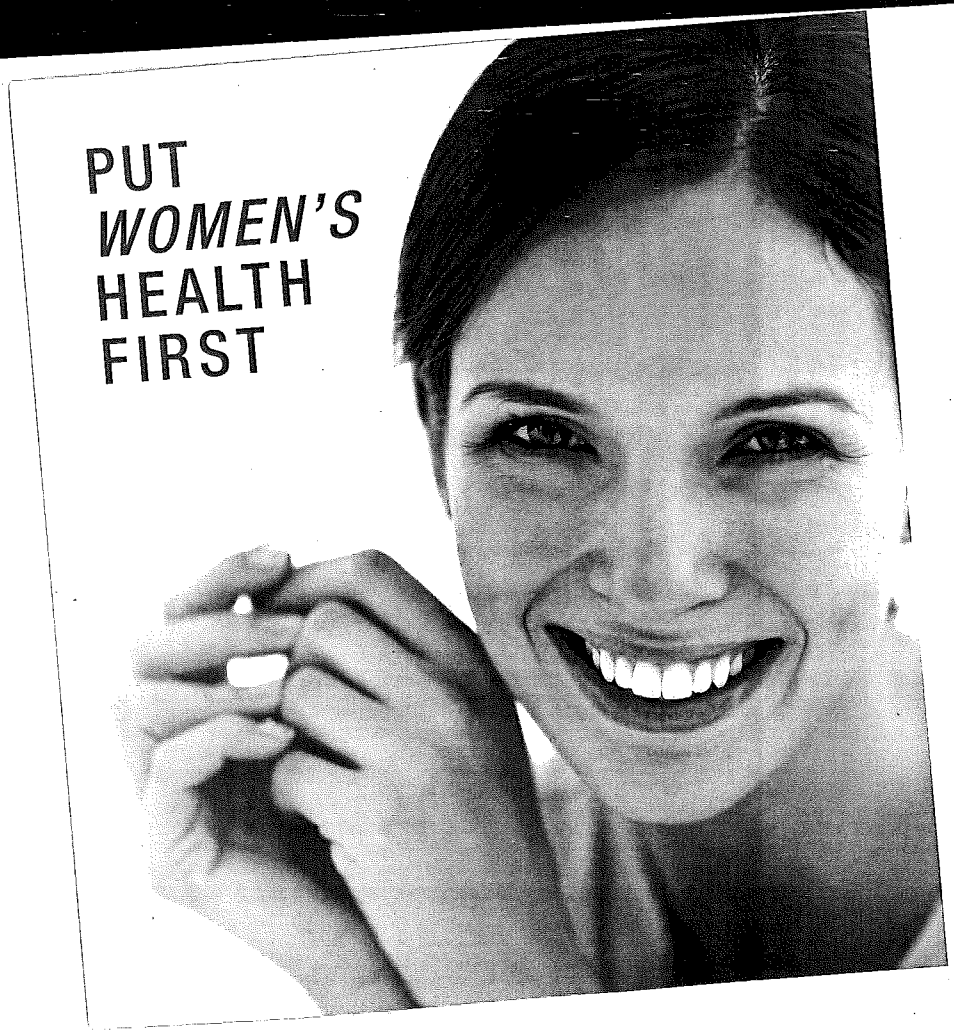

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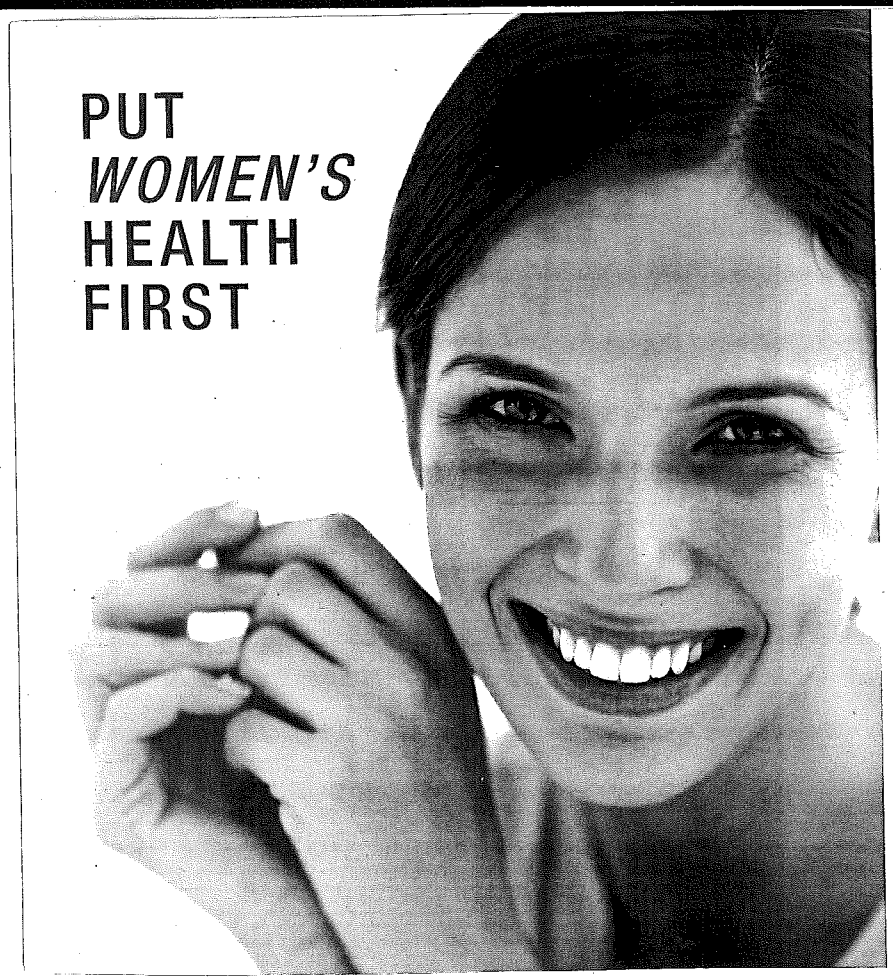

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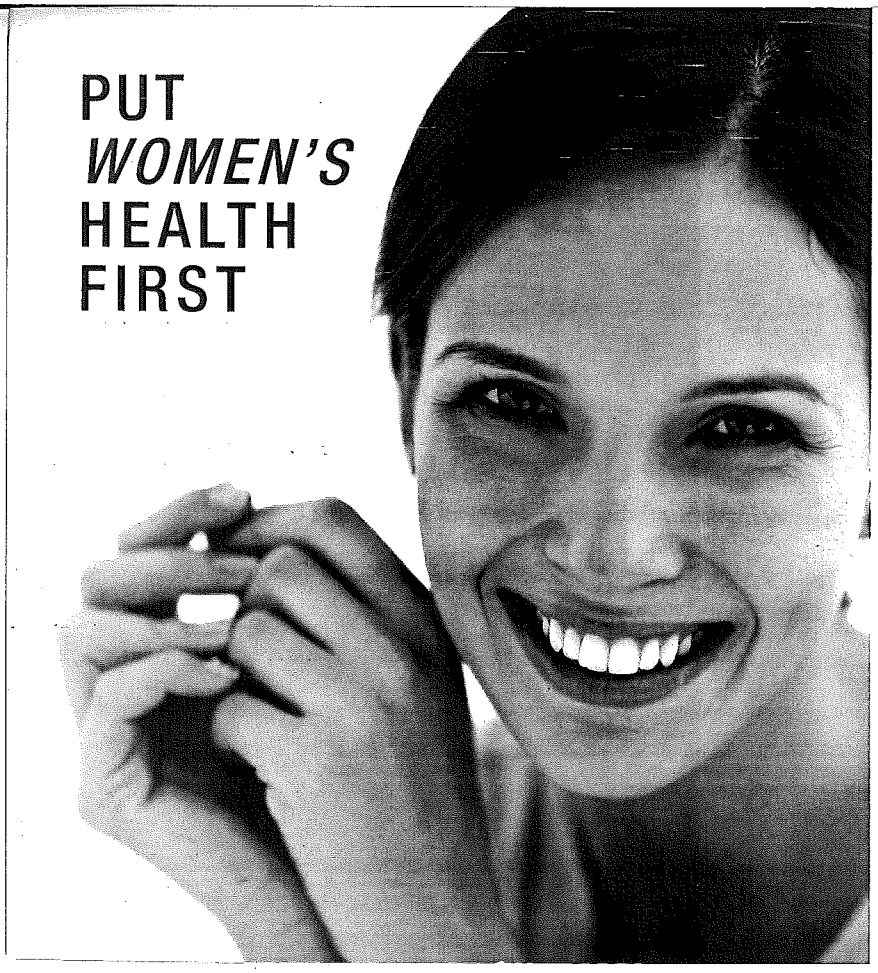

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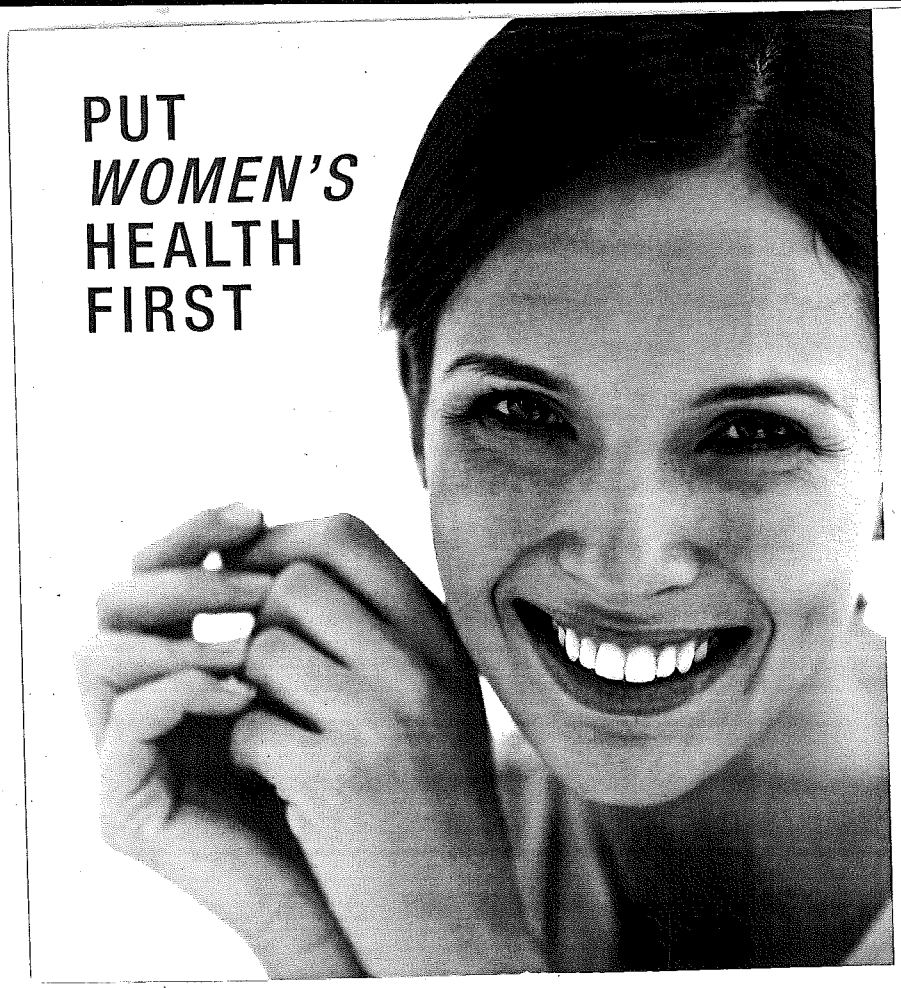

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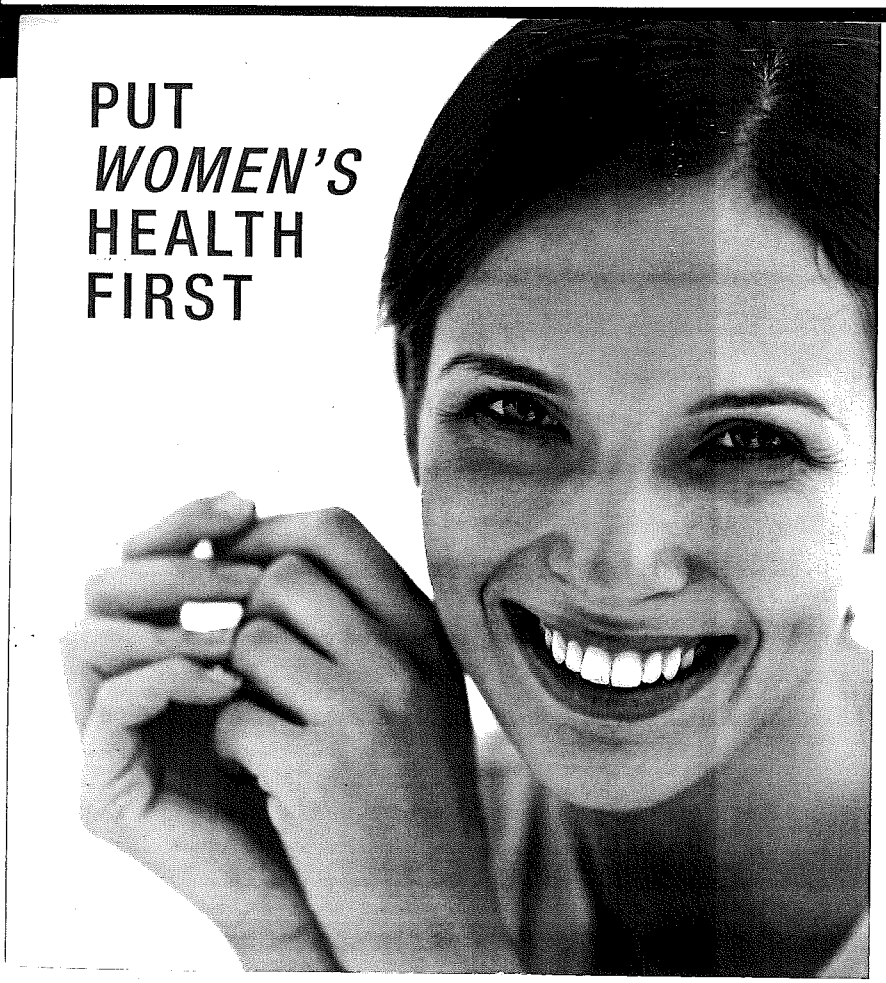

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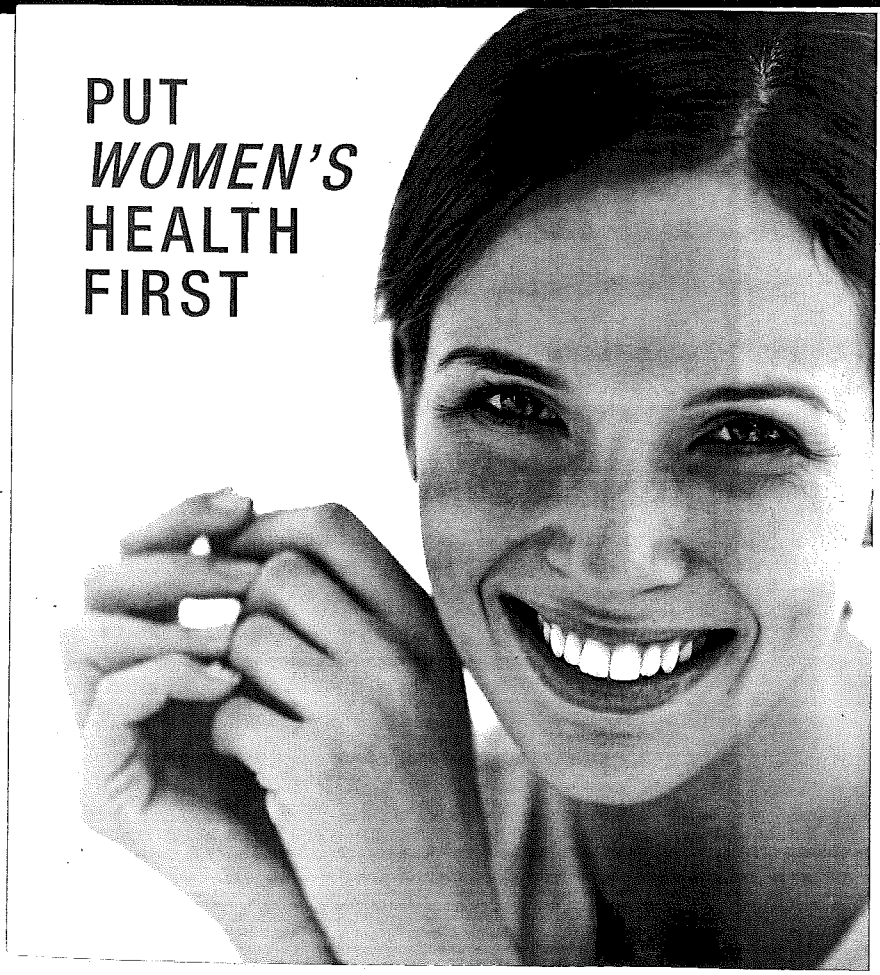

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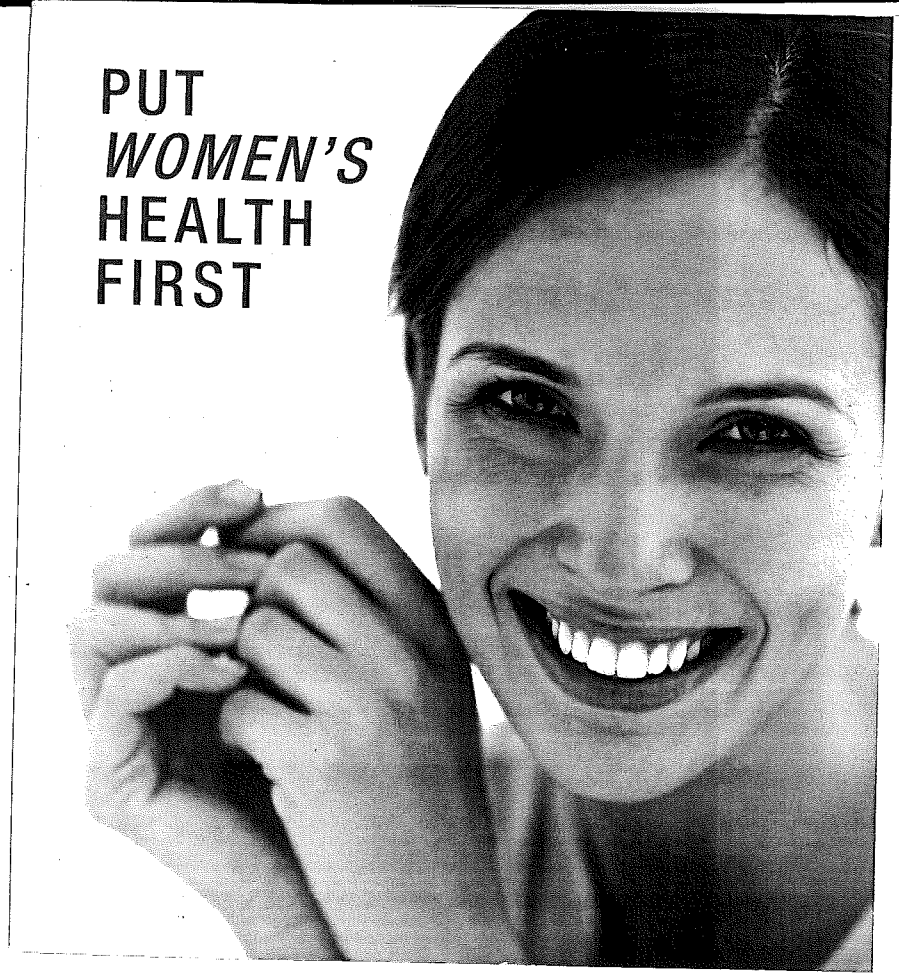

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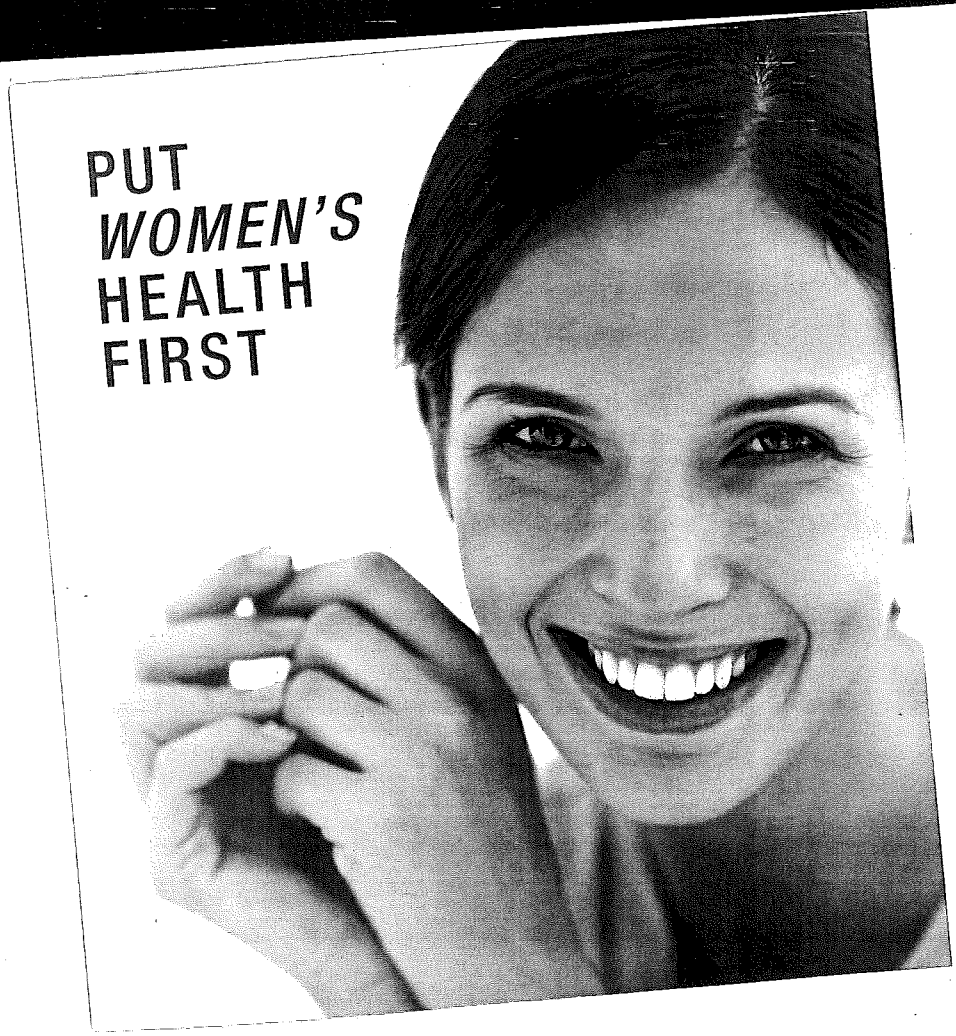

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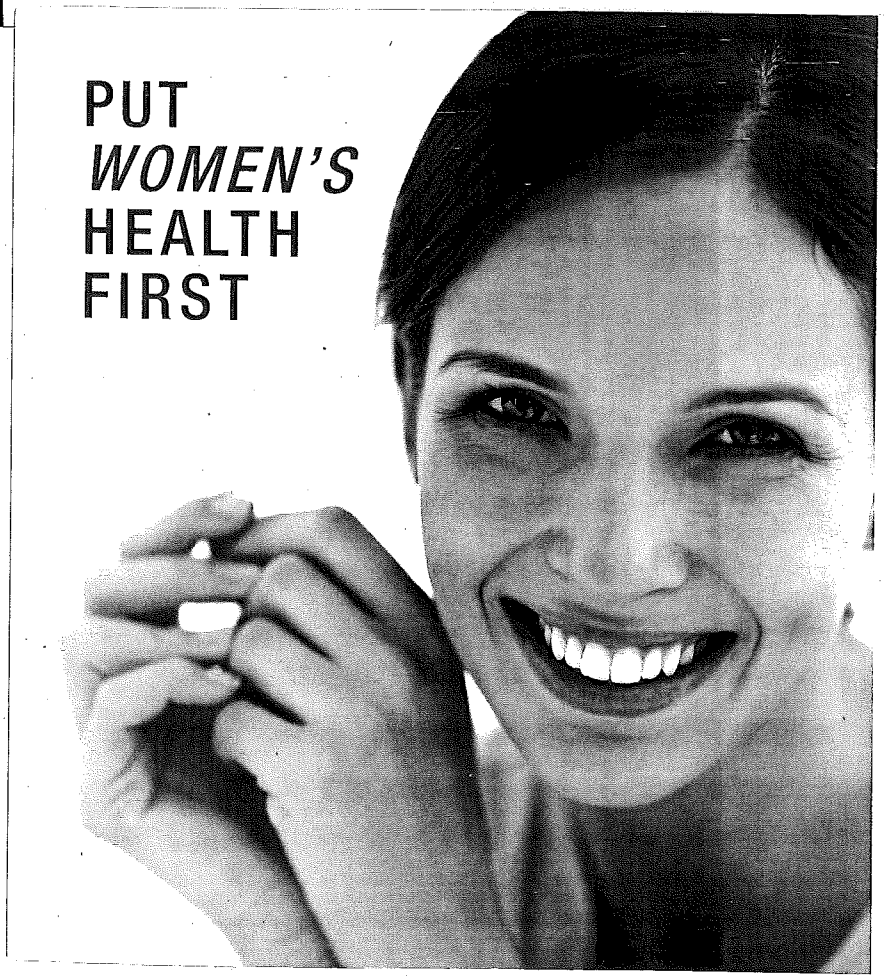

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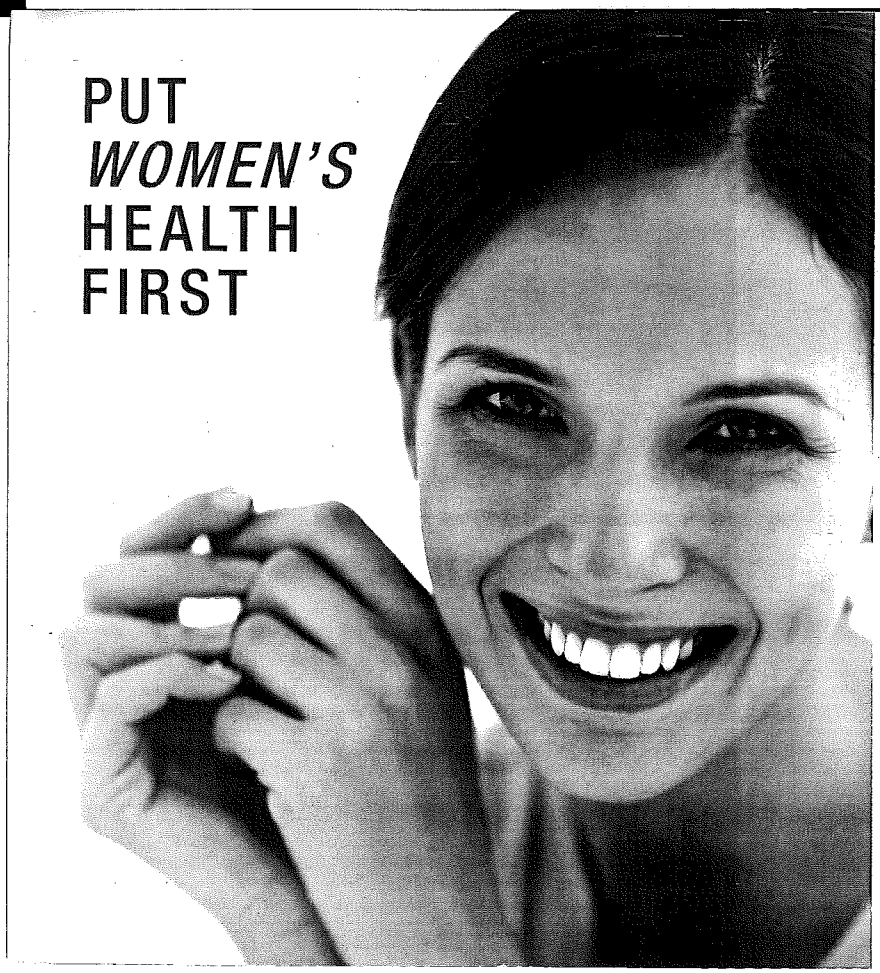

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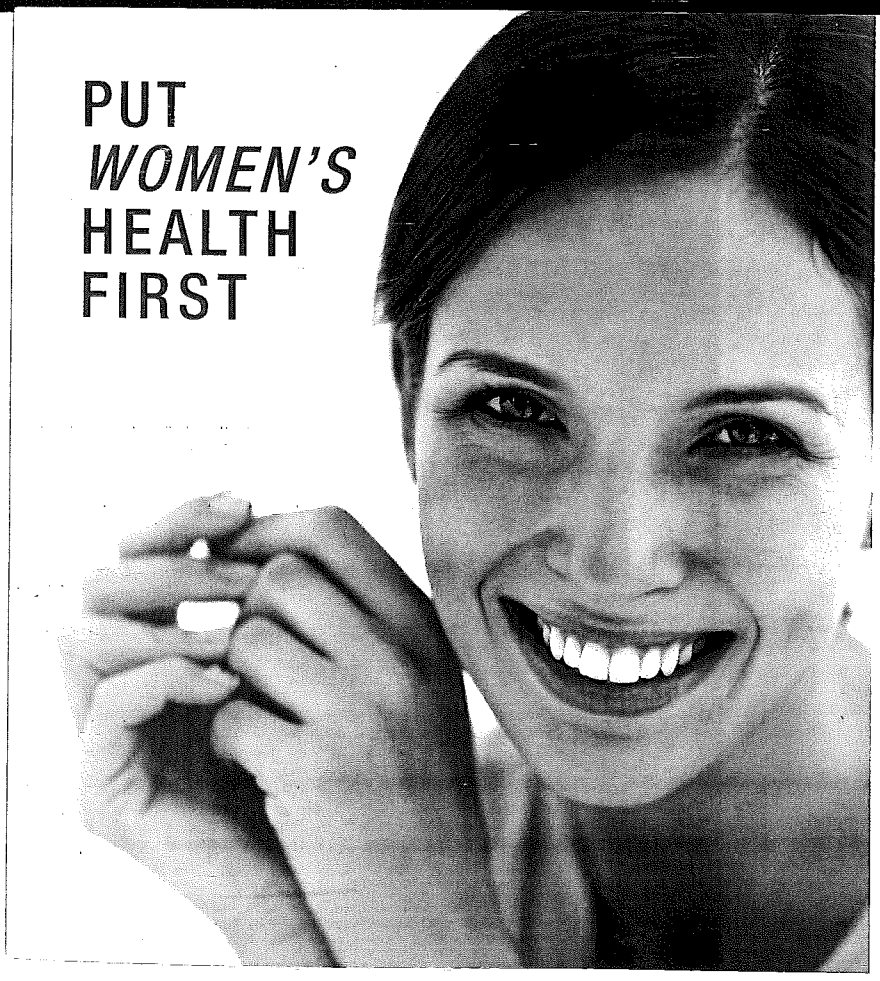

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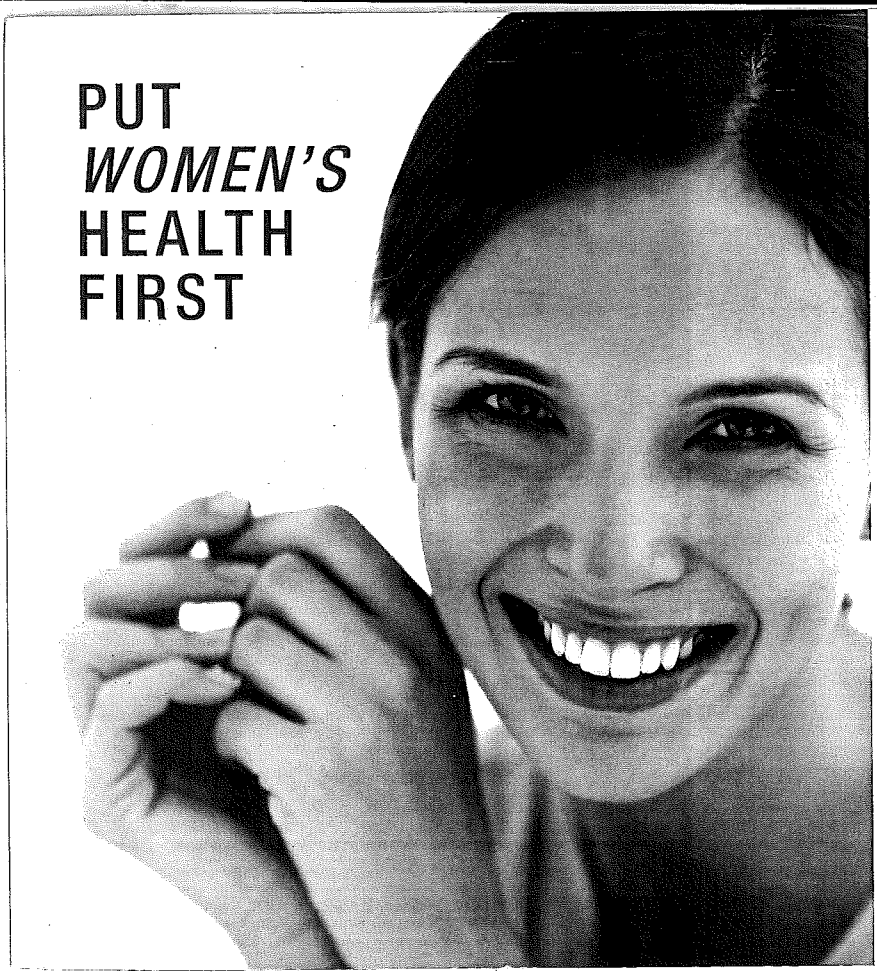

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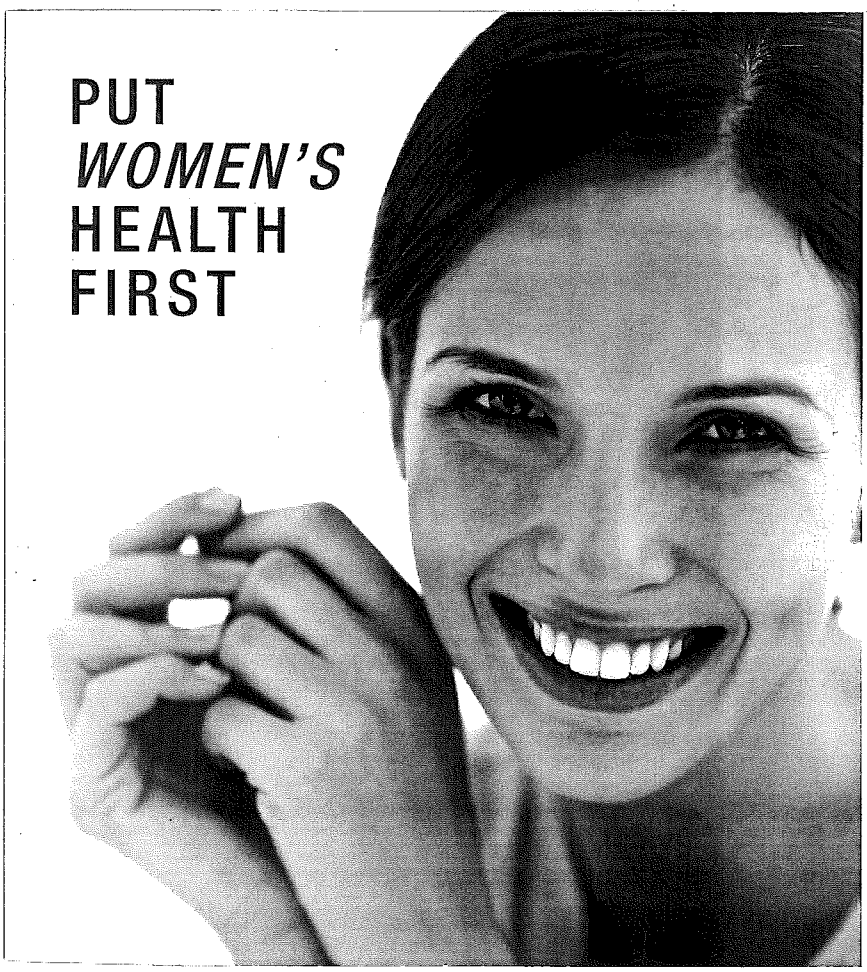

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Dear Department of Health and Human Services NC,

I am writing this letter in order to make recommendations and comments concerning the rule revisions to certification of abortion clinics in the NC register (10A NCAC 14E).

After reviewing the rule revisions, as a physician, several questions came to mind.
Why are poor women, who are the majority of those utilizing these abortion clinics, receiving lower standards of care and quality?
Should North Carolina not deliver the same quality of care to these women, as they do the others who are receiving a higher standard of care in outpatient surgical facilities or clinics?
Therefore, I believe that the same standards of care that apply for ambulatory surgical clinics should also be applied to these abortion clinics. That is, there should be a requirement that either an anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) administer anesthesia.
That rule revision could be placed under SURGICAL SERVICES section (c).

Five other recommendations for rule revisions include:

1. Under INSPECTIONS, section (a), the wording should be "shall be inspected annually" not shall be subject to inspections. The reasoning for this annual inspection is similar to the inspections at other health facilities like hospitals inspected by JACHO which keep the hospital in compliance.Also under inspections, there should be a waiting period for resuming operation following a violation; the wait period should be until that violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the inspection. Again, quality of care should not be compromised in these patients utilizing the clinic.

2. Under PERSONNEL RECORDS,section (d), all personnel, whether they have direct or indirect responsibility for patient care shall be at least 18 years of age. The reasoning for this minimum age of 18, is that a younger person should not be exposed to a culture of death that exists in these abortion clinics. I believe that working in the abortion clinic in any capacity is hazardous to a person under 18 for psychological reasons in light of the culture of termination of living beings.

3. Under MEDICAL RECORDS, section (a), the clinic should also maintain a list of the number of abortions, broken down into age,race,marital status, gestational age of unborn at time of procedure and method (procedure type) of abortion.These records should be submitted to DHHS on a yearly basis. The reasoning for this documentation is to establish a better understanding of trends from year to year so as trends change, policy may also need to be revised.

4. Under EMERGENCY BACK-UP SERVICES,section (a), after the first sentence that states each clinic shall have a written plan for the transfer of emergency cases from the clinic to a nearby hospital when hospitalization becomes necessary, The next sentence will state that the hospital where the patient is transferred shall either be a hospital where the clinic physician has privileges or prior arrangements have been made to have an accepting physician from the hospital . The reasoning for this is it will help the patient by having more continuity of care and thus better quality of care.

5. Under POST-OPERATIVE CARE,section (a), the first sentence should be changed to a patient whose pregnancy is terminated in an ambulatory setting shall be observed in the clinic not less than one hour to ensure that no immediate postoperative complications are present. The reasoning for observing the patient for at least an hour is to guarantee that the patient will not be rushed to discharge in the instance that there are many patients in the clinic that day, it is at the end of the day, or the clinic is understaffed.This will ensure the patients are not rushed through.

I am hopeful that some or all of these recommendations for rule revisions will be fulfilled. I do believe that all women in North Carolina should receive the same high quality of care and that exceptions should not be made for those utilizing abortion clinics.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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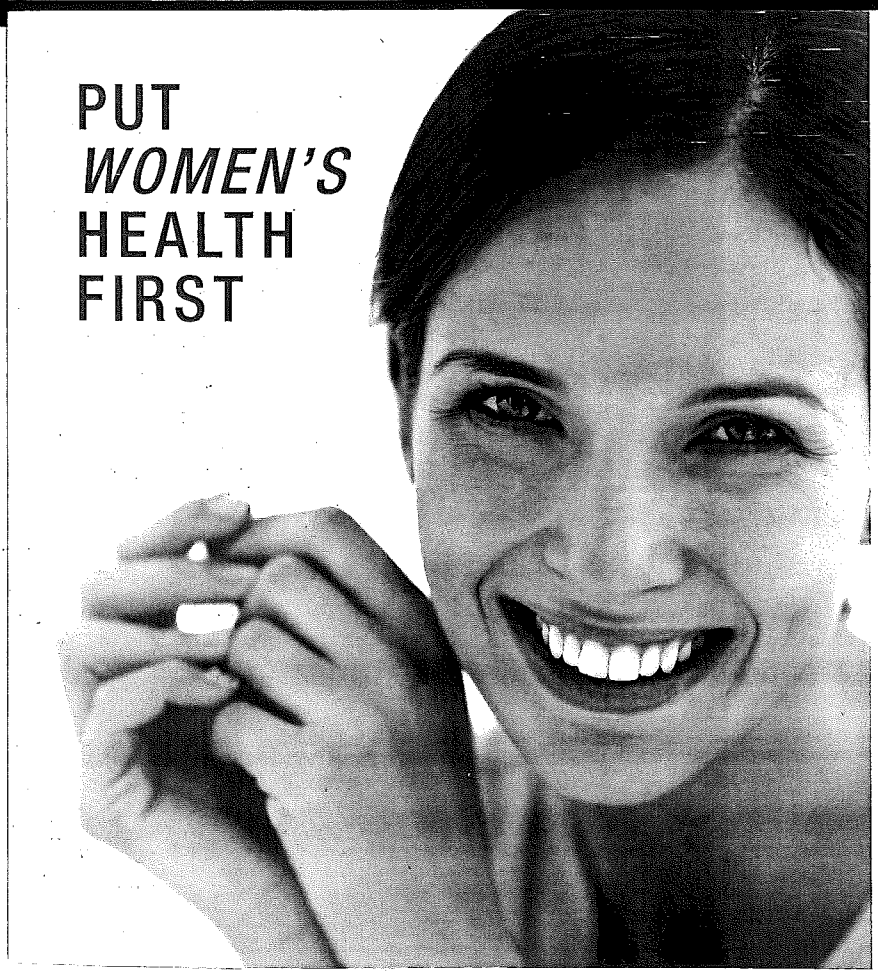

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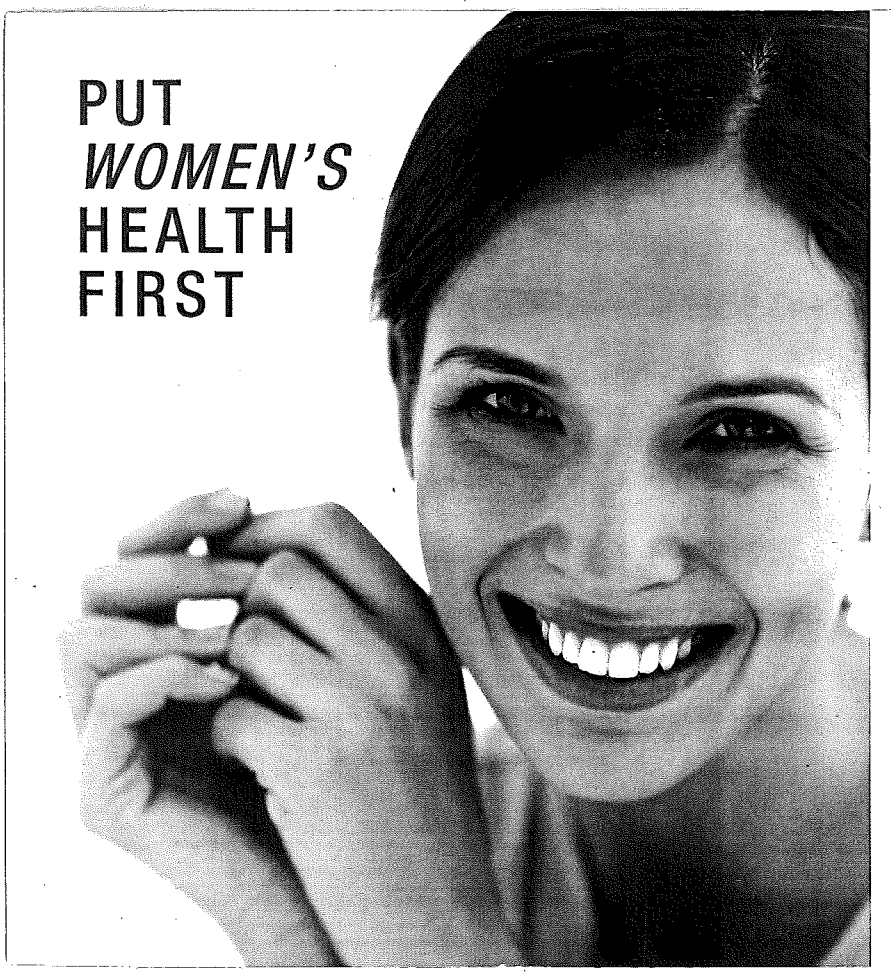

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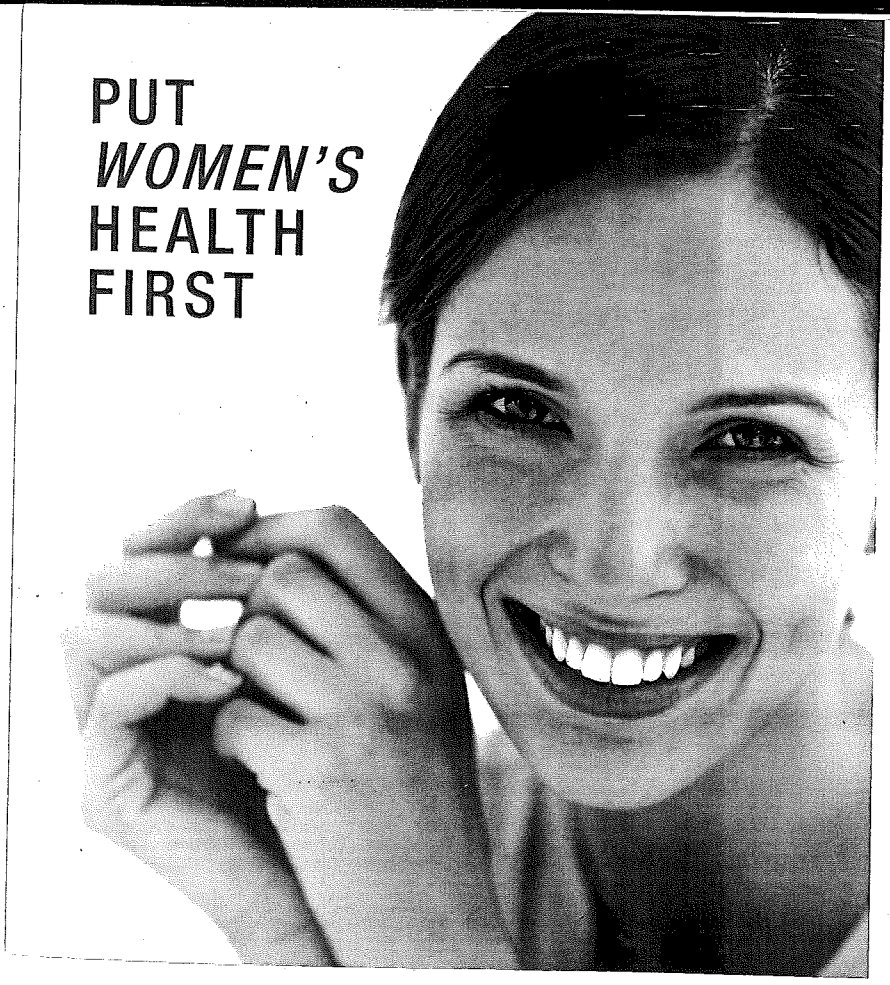

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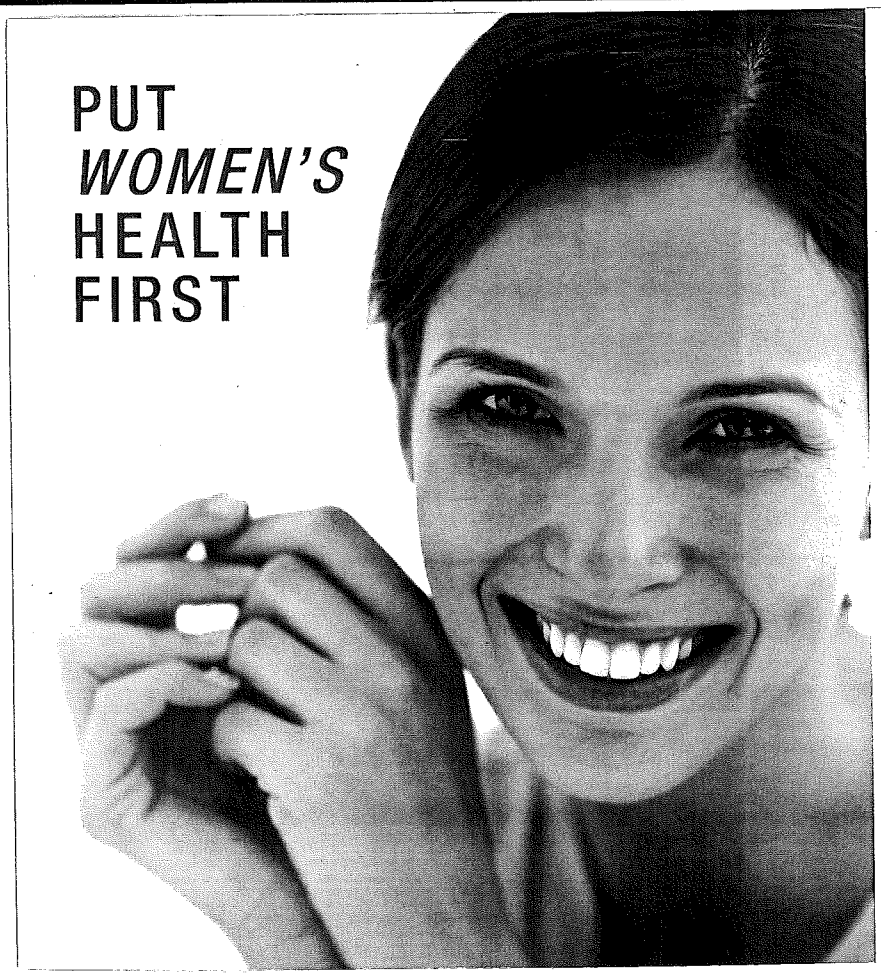

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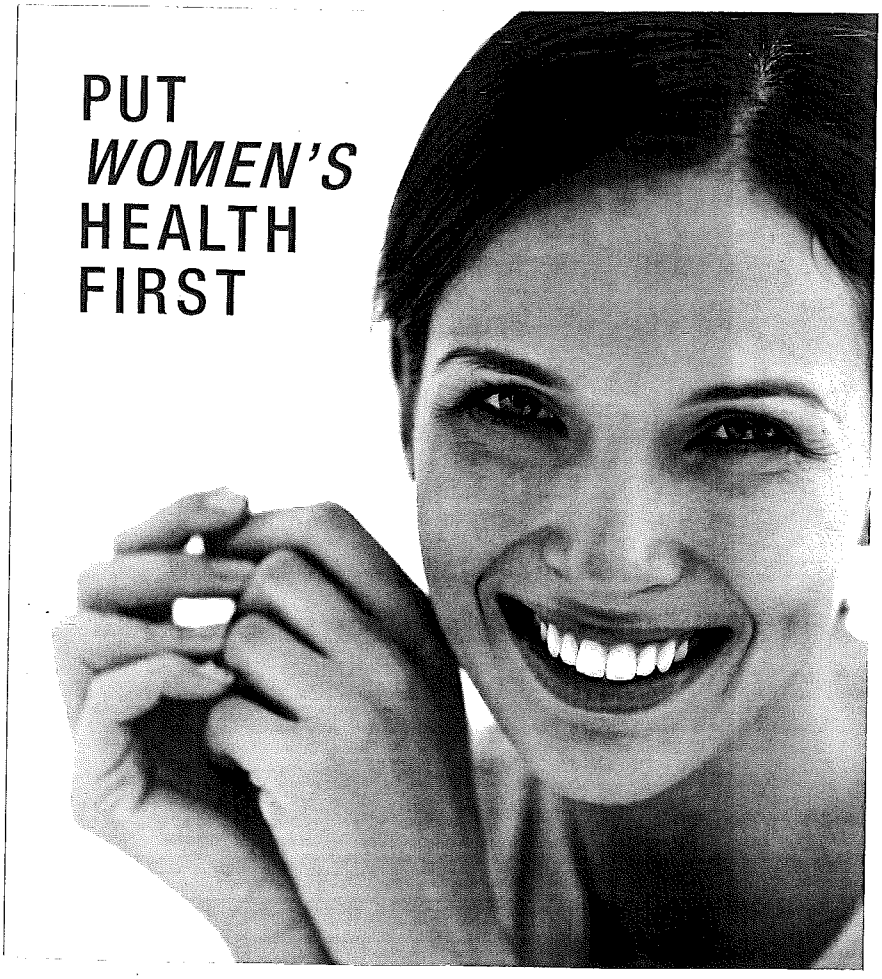

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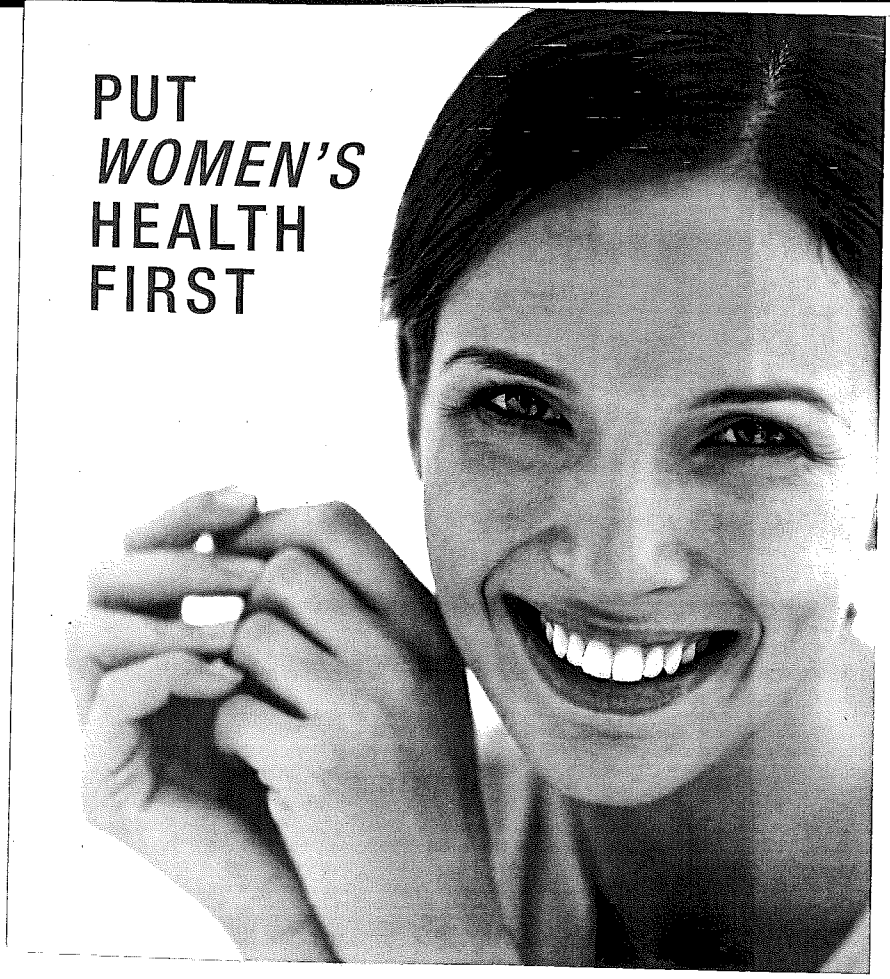

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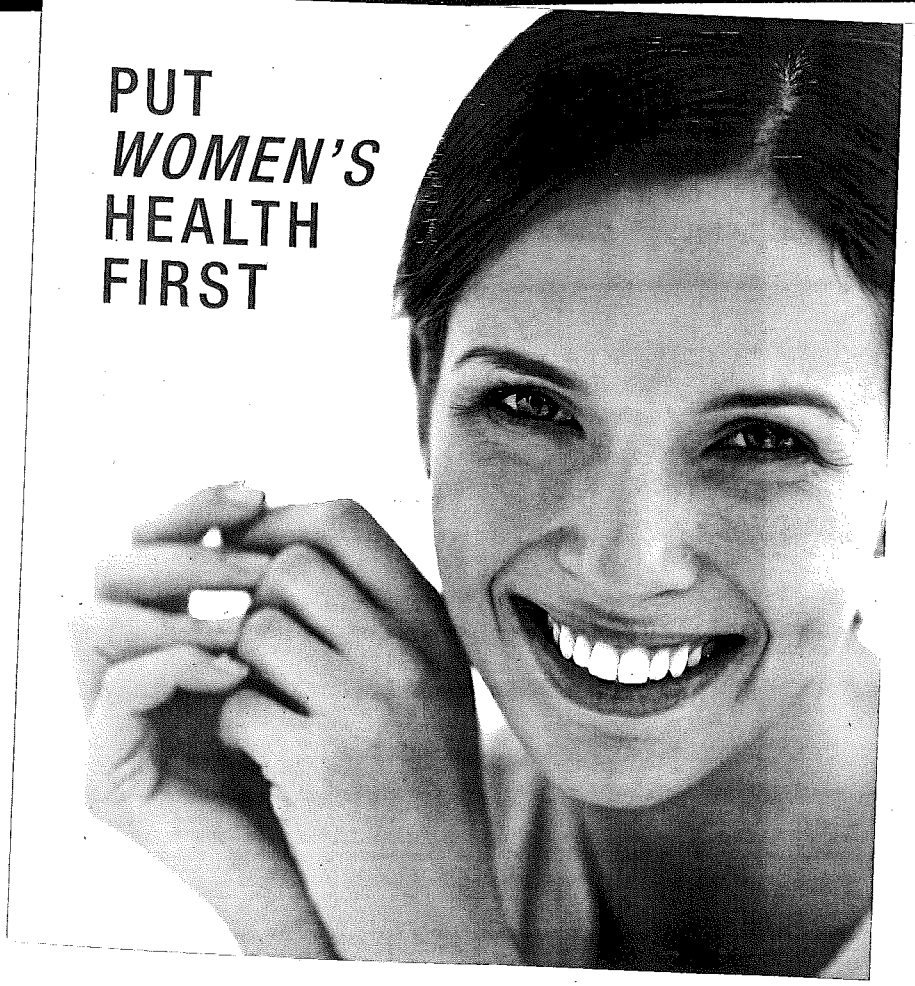

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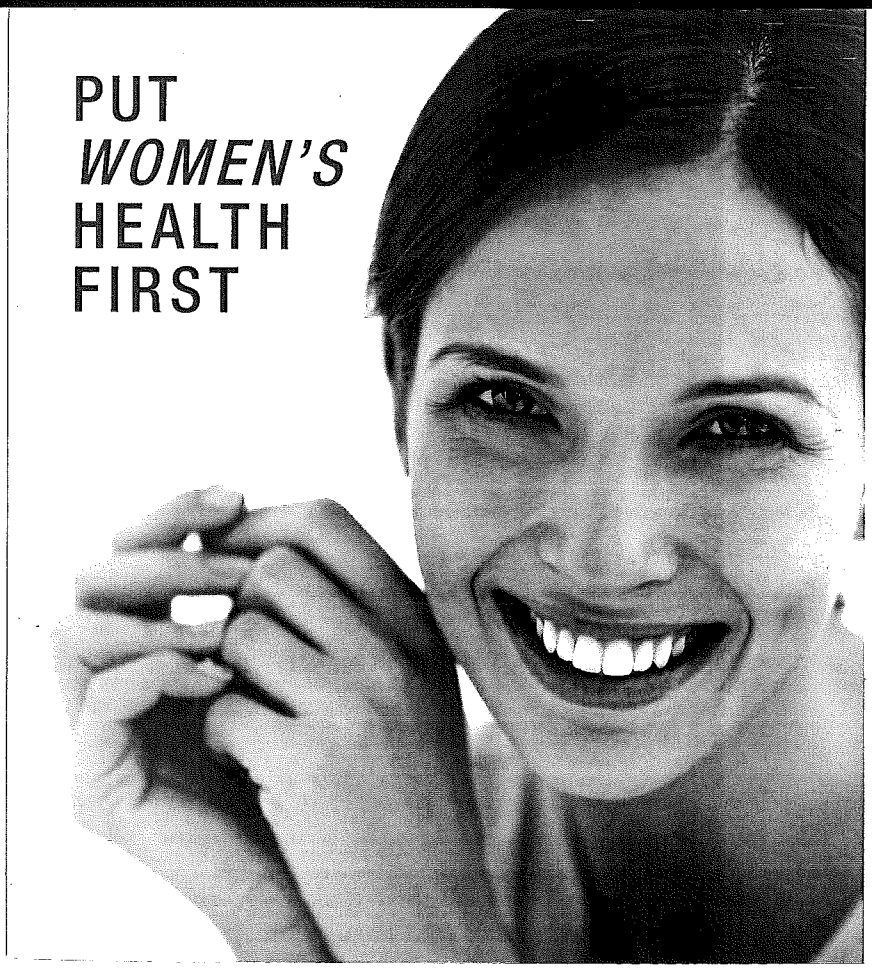

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To Whom It May Concern,

I was recently made aware of the proposed changes regarding abortion clinic rules. As a young woman that lives in the great state of North Carolina, I would like to express my concern at the revisions that have been put forth.

It especially concerns me that rules regarding post-operative care are being removed, even though these rules have already been in place without restricting access or causing harm to women. I am disturbed that the abortion doctor won't be required to examine the remains of the fetus in order to make sure that the abortion was complete. The fact that the abortion doctor or nurse won't be required to accompany the patient in the ambulance, and that there won't be a required wait time after the procedures does not sound like quality care to me.

I would like to respectfully request that on my behalf, and on the behalf of the other women residing in this state, that the rule revisions be revisited and that the rules already in place will not be removed.

Thank you,
Jessica Mauney

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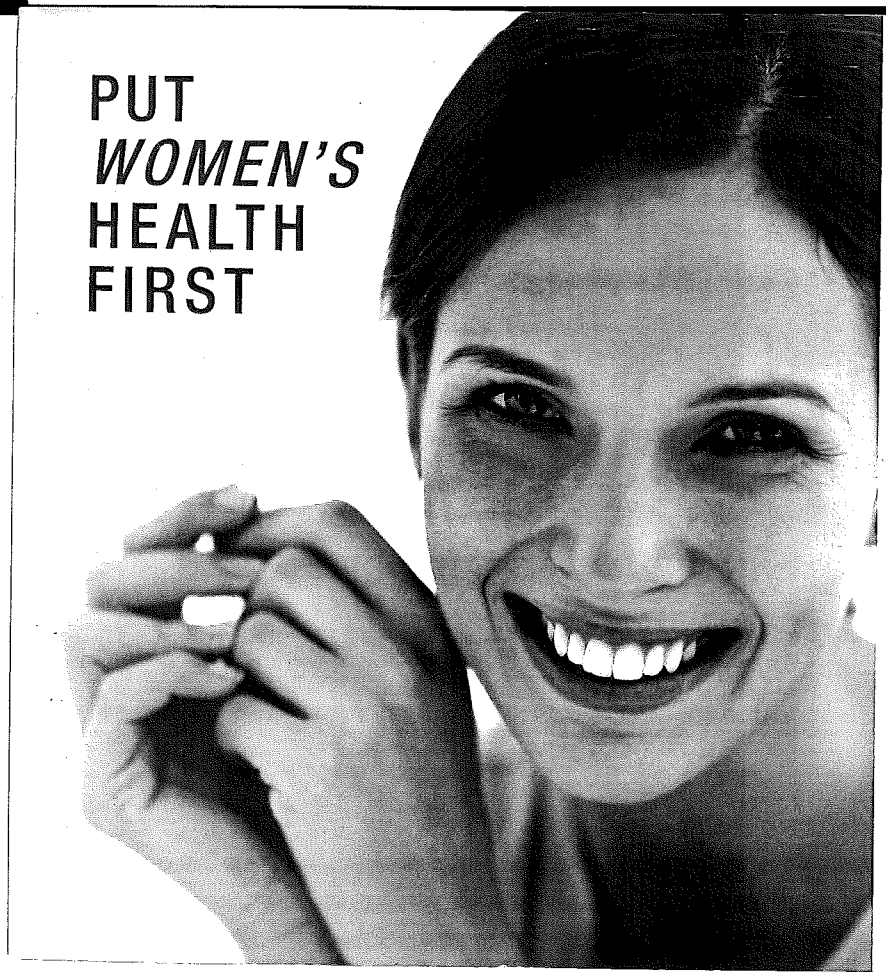

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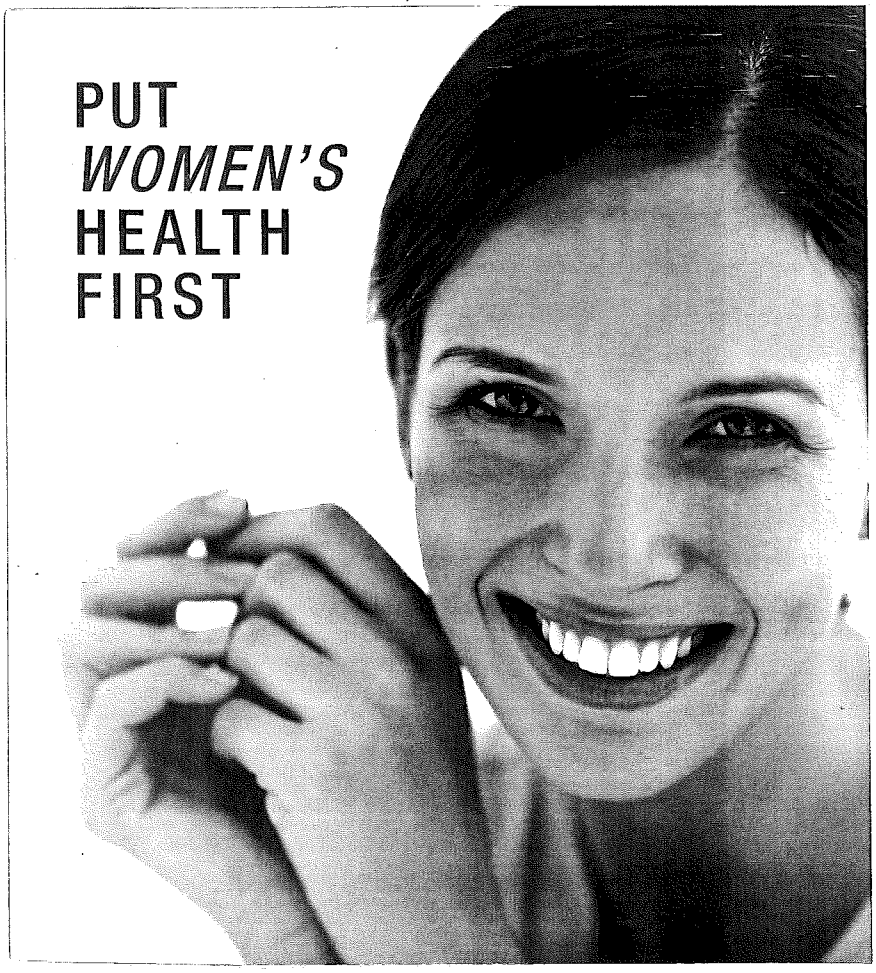

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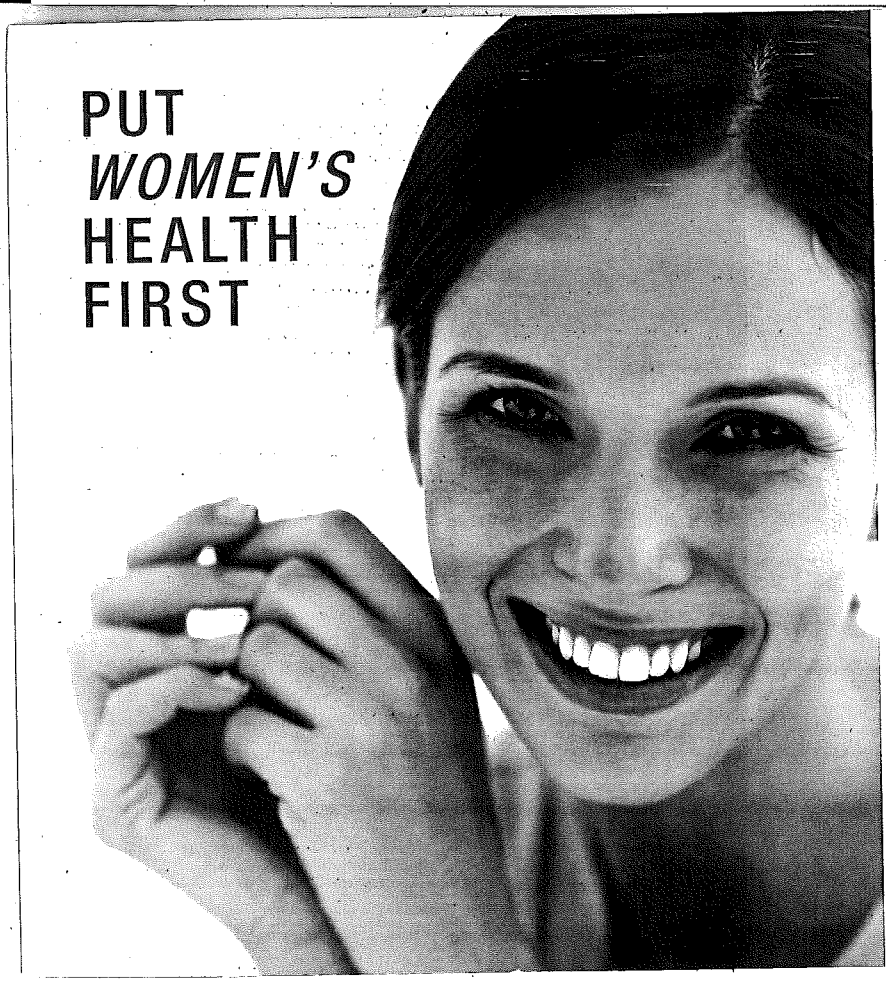

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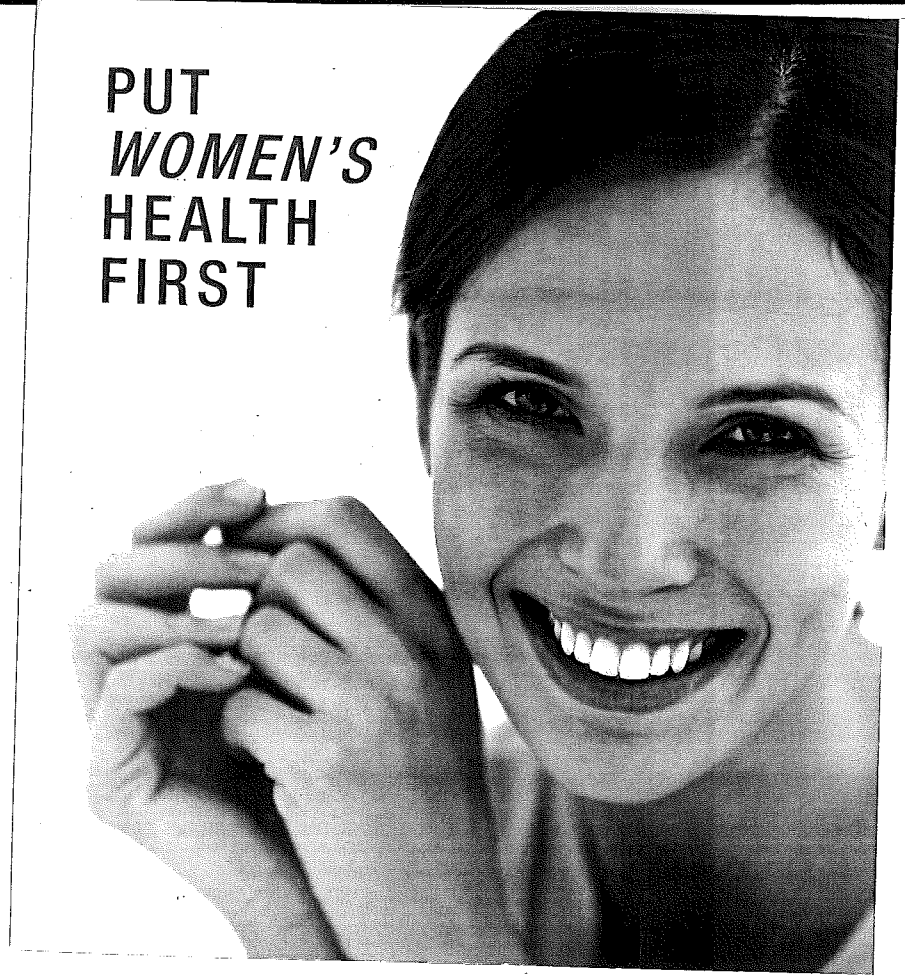

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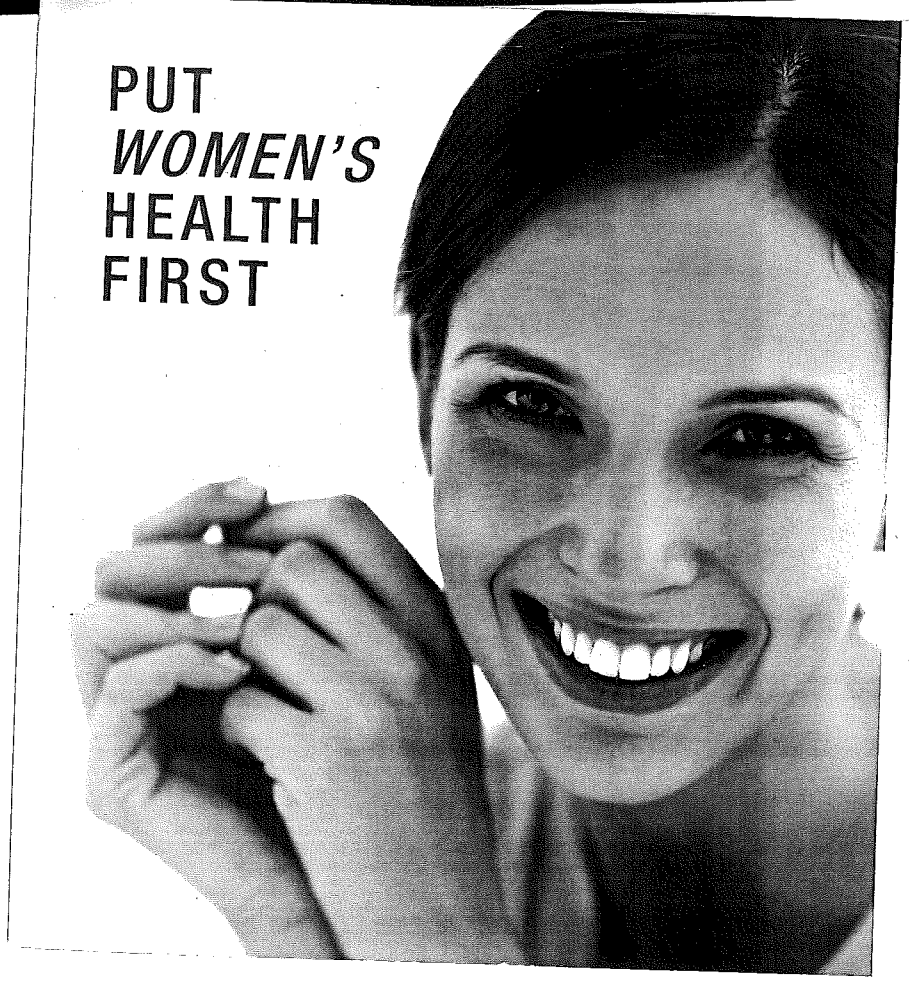

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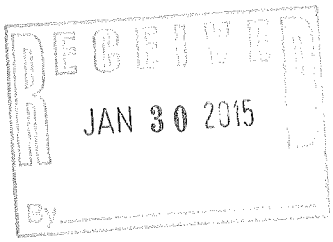

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McCrory → you said there would be no further restrictions on access to abortions + reproductive choices. YOU LIED to the women of NC → you still have time to live up to your words!

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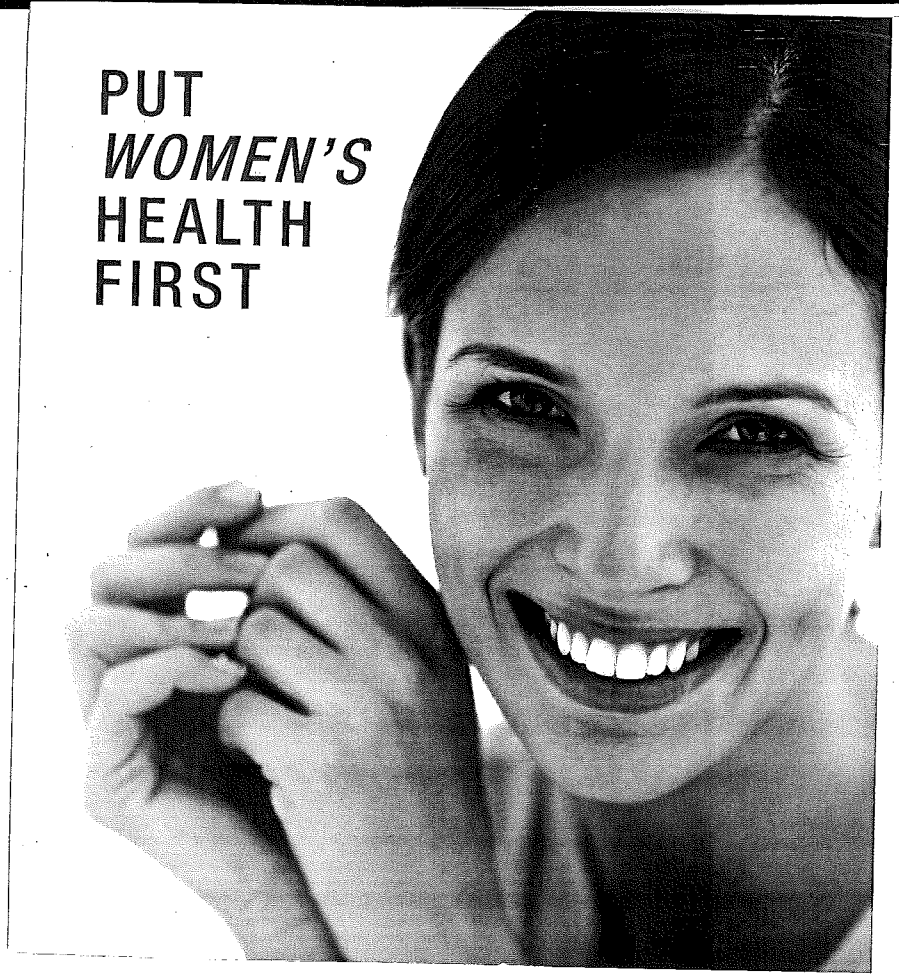

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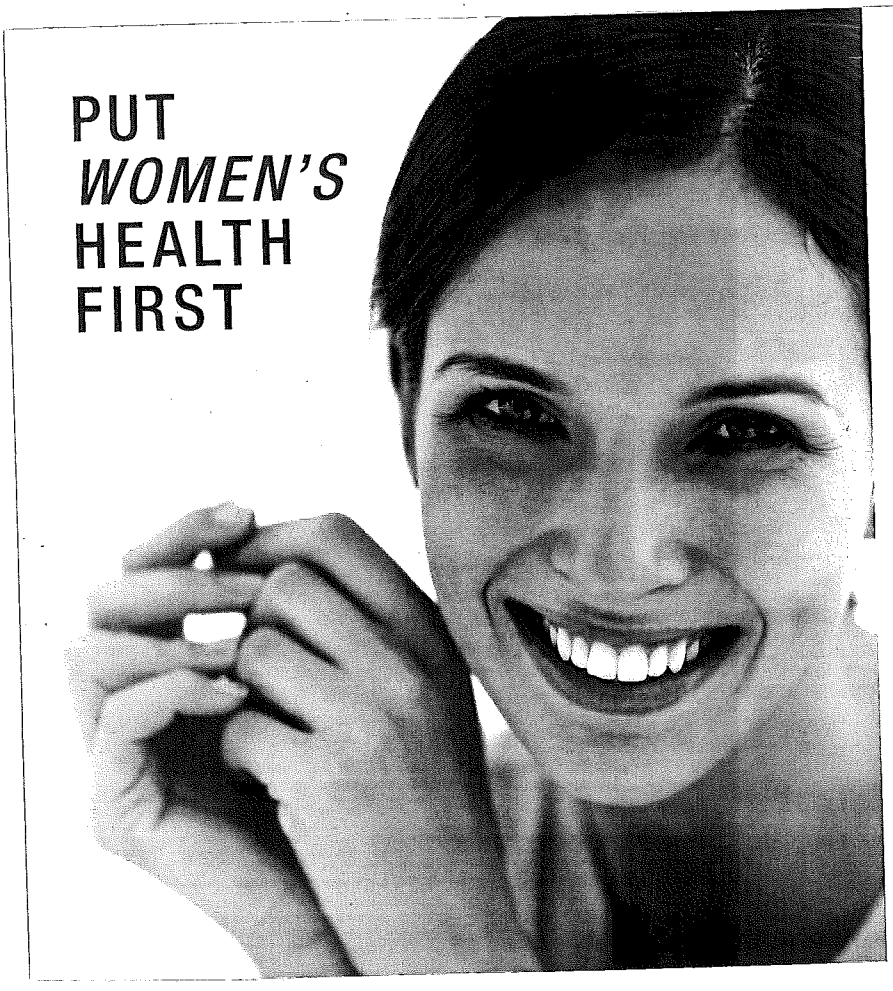

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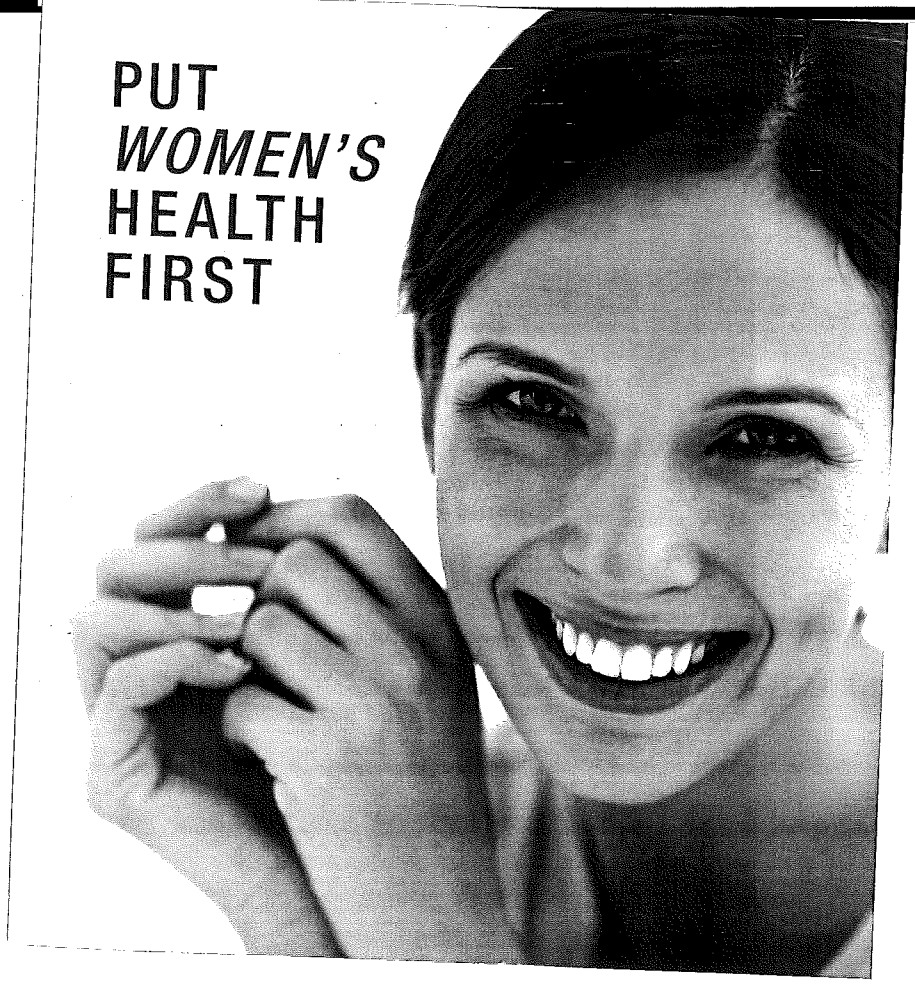

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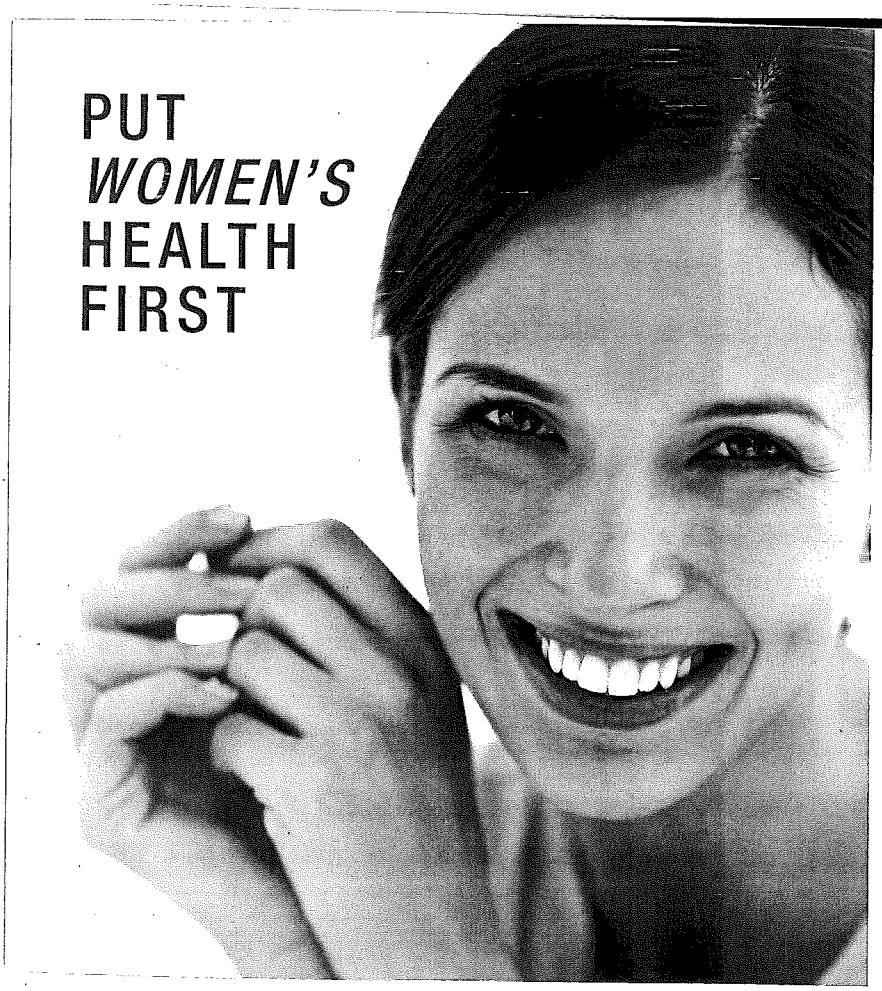

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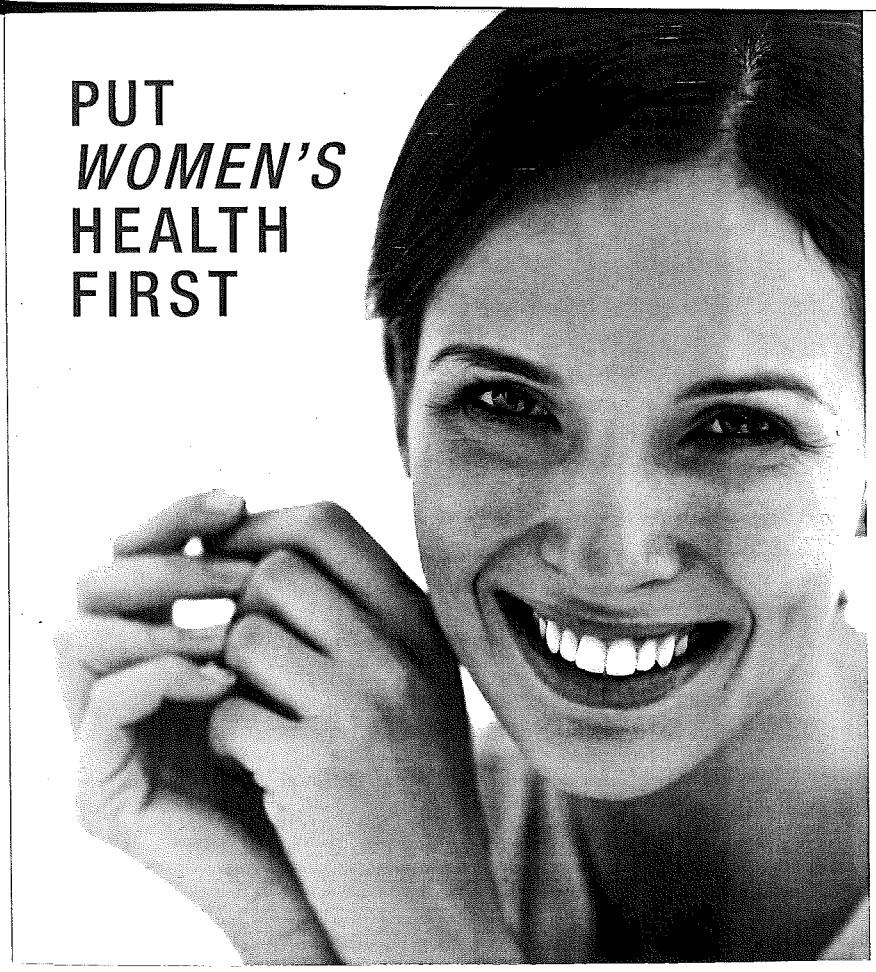

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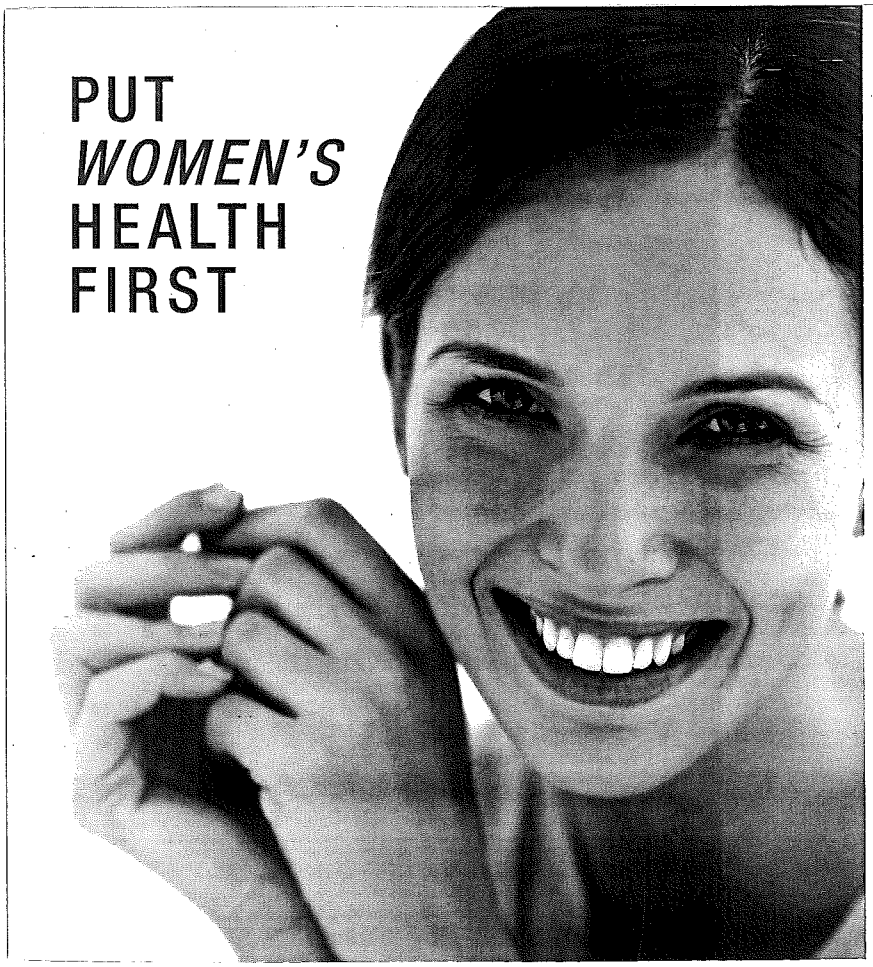

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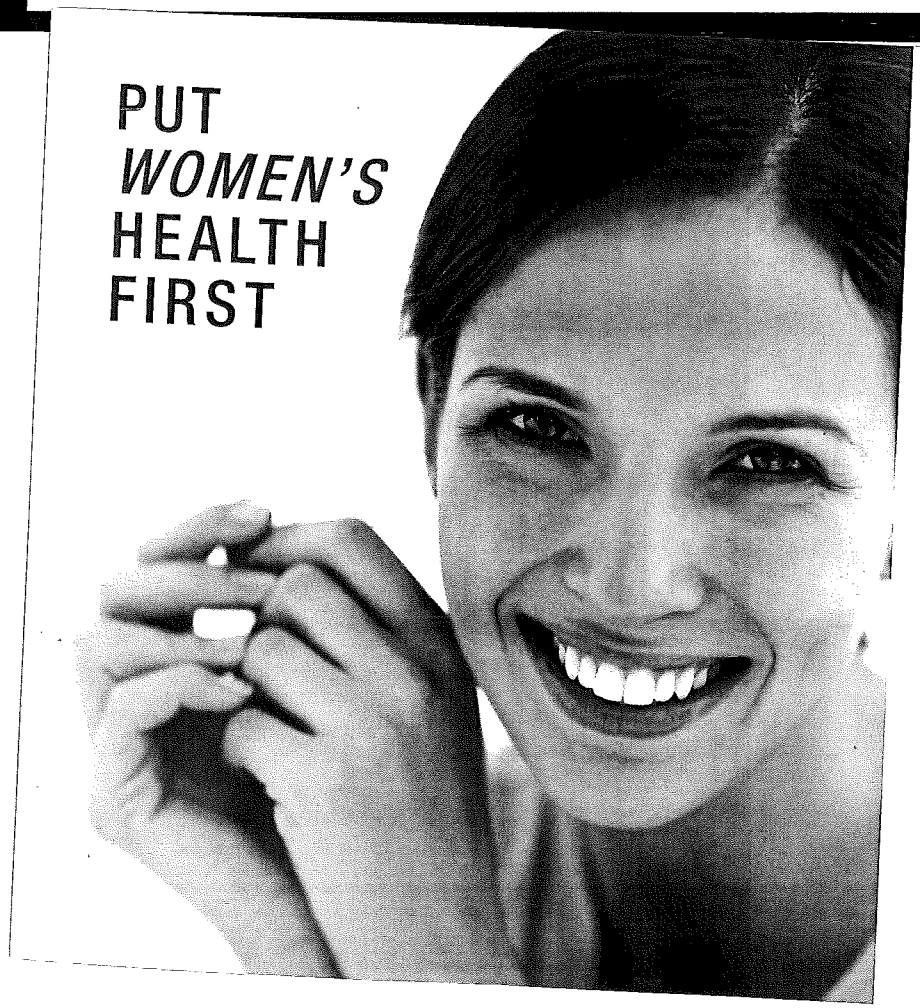

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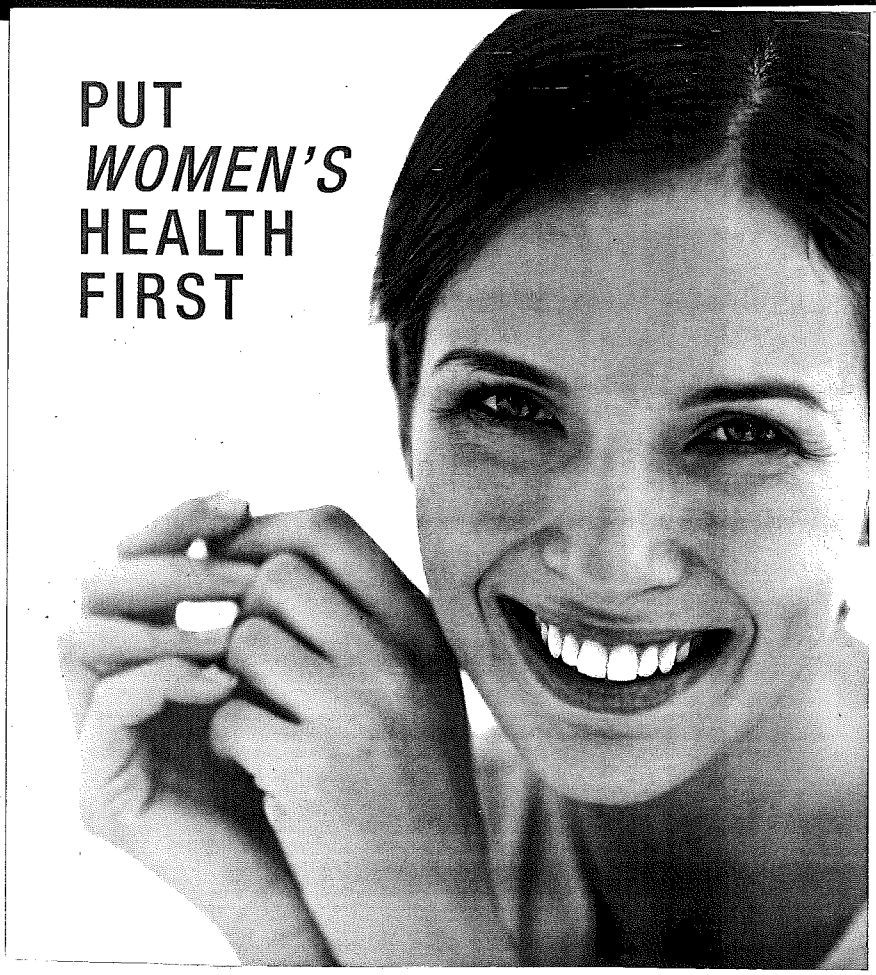

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 19, 2014
10:00 A.M.

Staff Present:

1. Drexdal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation
2. Nadine Pfeiffer, Rule-making Coordinator, Division of Health Service Regulation
3. Azzie Conley, Chief, Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, Division of Health Service Regulation
4. Cheryl Ouimet, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Health Service Regulation
5. Patricia Christian, Assistant Director for Healthcare Quality and Safety, Division of Health Service Regulation
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7. Kevin Howell, Legal Communications Coordinator, Office of Communications
8. Dan Guy, Communications Project Manager, Office of Communications
9. Olivia James, Press Assistant, Office of Communications

Others Present:

See the attached sign-in sheet for attendance.

1. Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing was to solicit verbal and /or written comments from the public on the proposed amendment and adoption of rules in Chapter 10A NCAC 14E, Certifications of Clinics for Abortion, as published in the NC Register, Volume 29 Issue 11, issued on December 1, 2014 for these rules as listed: 10A NCAC 14E .0101, .0104, .0109, .0111, .0201, .0202, .0206, .0207, .0302 - .0311, .0313, and .0315.

2. Hearing Summary

The public hearing was opened by Drexdal Pratt at 9:00 a.m. A total of fourteen speakers spoke at the hearing. A summary of these comments is as follows:

1) Deborah Walsh, Executive Director, Family Reproductive Health, Charlotte NC, stated that she was a part of the work group that reviewed and developed the rule changes. She spoke on the diversity of the work group and how they worked together to provide the regulations based on medical reasons to ensure the well-being of patients seeking these services.

2) Dr. David Grimes, a board certified OB-GYN physician, previous CDC Abortion Chief and WHO Abortion Chairman, urged the adoption of the proposed rules because they were evidence-based and stated that the scientific process by which the rules were developed must not be degraded by special interest groups with no relevant medical expertise.

3) Dr. Gretchen Stuart, Medical Director, Planned Parenthood of NC, stated that abortion is extremely safe and that abortion has a complication rate of less than 1 percent. She also stated that abortion is very common and that one in three women will have an abortion by the time she is 45. She also stated that safety and excellent care is top priority, and that access to safe and legal abortion is vital for her patient's safety and well-being. She requested that the final regulations remain free of legislative interference in medical practice.

4) Dr. Amy Bryant, a board certified OB-GYN physician, NARAL Pro Choice, stated that one in three women will have an abortion. She stated that when the government regulates abortion it is critical that the regulation preserve access and policy makers should never impose regulations on women to stop abortion. She stated that the regulations should be grounded on medical reasons.

5) Dr. Dalia Brahmi, OB-GYN physician, Chapel Hill, stated that abortion is safe and very common, and also stated that one in three women will have an abortion in their lifetime. She stated that every woman is unique and every situation is different, and that we all have to make health decisions we never expected to make. She shared a story about a patient and her decision to have an abortion, and she also stated that what is most important to her is that her patients have the ability to make their own personal medical decisions that are best for their health and well-being. She said medical doctors will always support regulation for patient's safety.

6) Dr. Marcela Smid, OB-GYN Physician, Chapel Hill, who specifically takes care of patients with high risk pregnancies. She stated that as a physician her first priority is the safety of her patients and stated studies show abortion extremely safe with a complication rate of less than 1 percent. She shared a story about a patient who had to terminate her pregnancy due to complications with her pregnancy. She stated that her patients deserved safe and compassionate care. She urged DHHS to reject any medically unnecessary regulations that are designed to restrict safe abortion care because adding unnecessary regulations that are not medically necessary could have dangerous effects to the safety of patients by delaying services or closing clinics.

7) Heather Shumaker, State Policy Director, National Abortion Federation (NAF), stated while additional regulations are unnecessary she commended DHHS on the process based on medicine and science. She said abortion care was one of the safest types of procedures. She stated that she hopes the process does not become politicized and would continue to use evidence-based input from the medical community throughout the process.

8) Suzanne Buckley, Executive Director, NARAL Pro Choice stated that reproductive health care decisions should be made by the patients and their doctors and not the politicians of North Carolina. She further stated that at NARAL Pro Choice, patients' health comes first. Senate Bill 353, which created the law requiring these rule changes, was enacted with a single goal and that was to prevent women from having safe and legal abortions in North Carolina. These laws have been enacted in

many states across the country, and the enactment of these laws has caused many safe abortion facilities to close their doors and affected patient care and safety in those states. She stated that abortion care is one of the safest types of medical care sought in this country. She stated that there is no medical basis or need for the changing of these rules required by this law. She recognized the department engaged in a thoughtful, reasonable process by consulting with experts to ensure safe abortion care. She stated, in general, the regulations were based on sound medicine and science. She, and the thousands she represents, request that DHHS only make rule changes that ensure medical standards recommended by medical experts.

9) Sarah Preston, Policy Director, ACLU, noted that her organization was dedicated to protecting the safety and health care of patients, including abortion. She said that during the legislative debate both Secretary Wos and Governor McCrory stated any new rules should be based on patient safety. She said the rule changes focused on the well-being of patients and hoped that the Department's focus would remain on safety and not politics.

10) Nancy Curtis, retired Lutheran Pastor and attorney, Asheville NC, stated women's health was regulated on evidence-based information. She urged DHHS to make every effort to make least restrictive regulations and only consider medical based information for the safety of North Carolina women.

11) Kelsea McLain gave a testimony about her personal experience with abortion, stating that she was glad that she was able to make her own decision on medical care and the decision was not based on political considerations. She stated the rules were medical-based. She urged DHHS not to make rule changes that did not make sense.

12) Wendy Banister, Executive Director, Gateway Women, stated that 60 percent of their clients with abortions have reported emotional difficulty and regret, while only 34 percent of their patients reported that abortion was a good decision for them. She gave an overview of situations with patients at Gateway. She felt that the standards fall short and we should be requiring the very best for women's health in North Carolina.

13) Tammy Fitzgerald, NC Values Coalition spoke in opposition of the rules stating rules are important for health and safety for women seeking abortions. She said that the timing of the rules coming out the week before Christmas was a ploy to deceive the public and to sweep the changes under the rug. She stated the process was biased because the group that came up with the proposals only included one person with an anti-abortion viewpoint. She said the resulting proposals are inadequate to protect women. She stated the rules did not include requirements from the model rules by NAF. She gave an overview of specific problems with the rules, which included:

- No requirement for an anesthesiologist or CRNA to administer anesthesia;
- No requirement for the abortion doctor to be an OB-GYN board-certified physician;
- Certification lacking on licensing procedures;
- No agreement or relationship for second OB-GYN physician in case of emergency;
- No requirement for annual inspections, they are only allowed;
- Post-op discharge are lacking, there is no follow-up exam required;
- One-hour observation post procedure has been removed;
- Eliminated requirement for examination of products of conception to ensure complete abortion;
- No requirement for hospital admitting privileges for physicians;

- Transfer agreement is neutered, as long as they attempt to get one they have satisfied the requirement;
- No minimum number of nurses at clinics;
- Allow minors to work at clinic;
- No requirements for materials to be clean, sterile and in good working order;
- No requirement for prior physical exam;
- Reporting requirements are lacking and there are no penalties for violations.

She stated there is a need for penalties to have teeth in the rules. She also stated that minimum standards for safety are ethical and logical, and these rules fall short.

14) Jere Royall, Counsel, NC Family Policy Council, stated that the Council is appreciative of the proposed rule changes, which are the first in almost 20 years. However, the proposed rule changes fail to address some critical issues that NCFPC thinks are vital to women's health and safety. He stated that a primary need is for the rules to require annual inspections of abortion clinics for the safety and well-being of the patients.

These comments will be taken into consideration by the Agency. The hearing was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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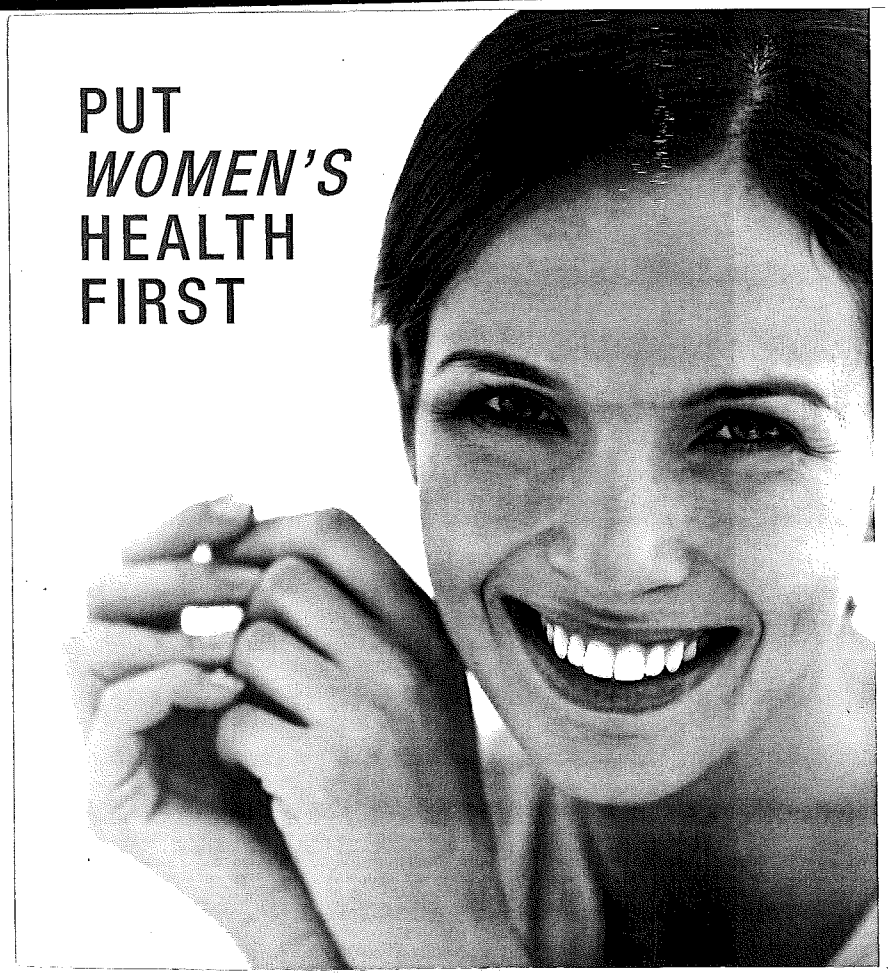

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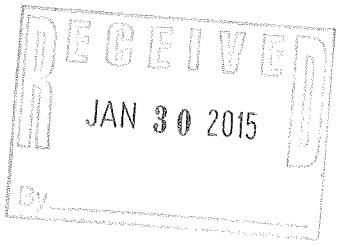

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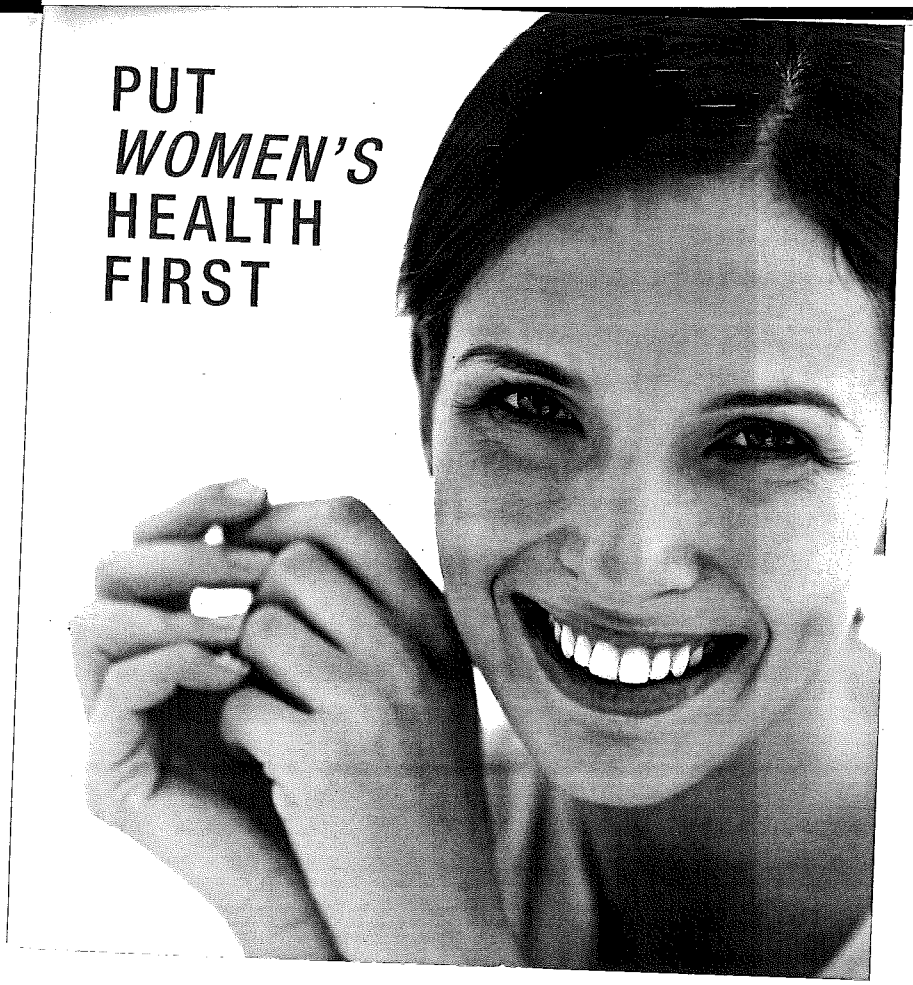

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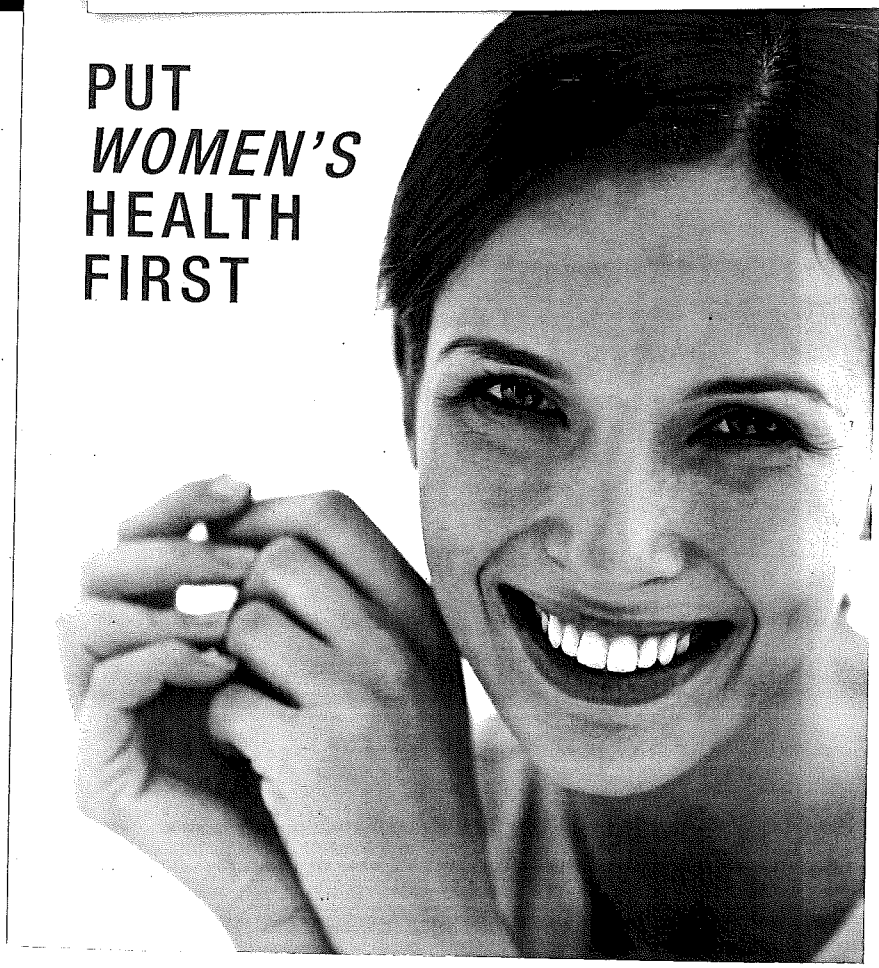

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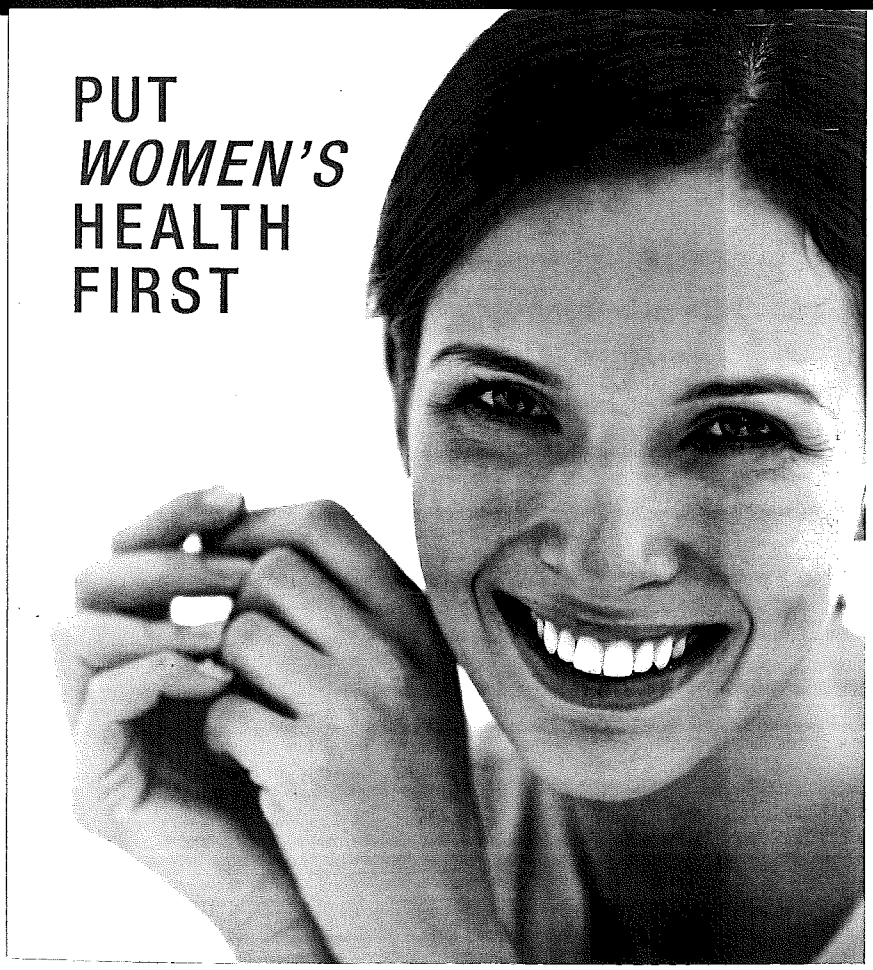

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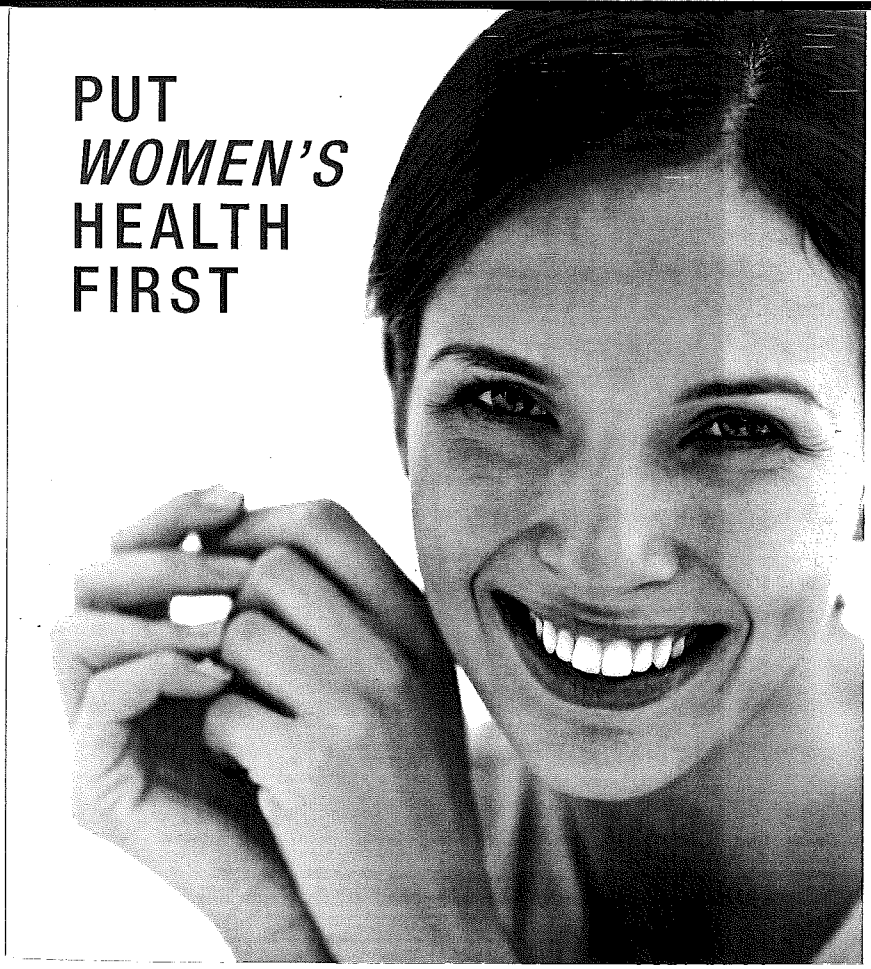

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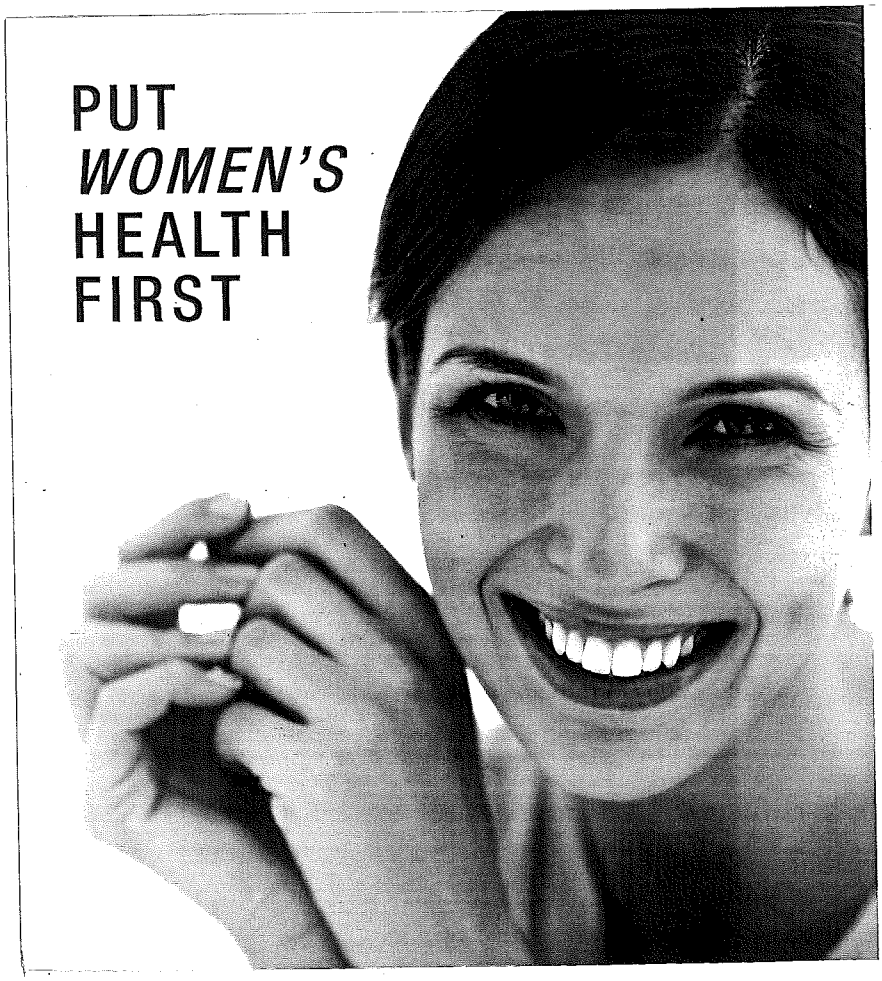

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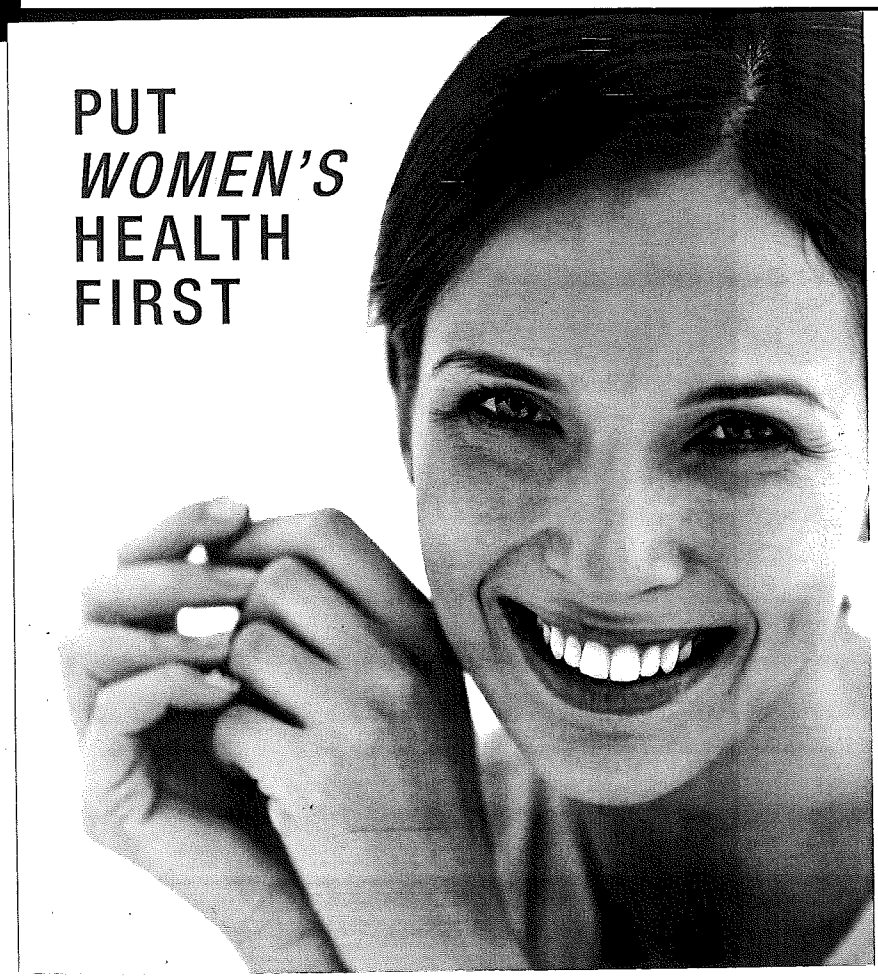

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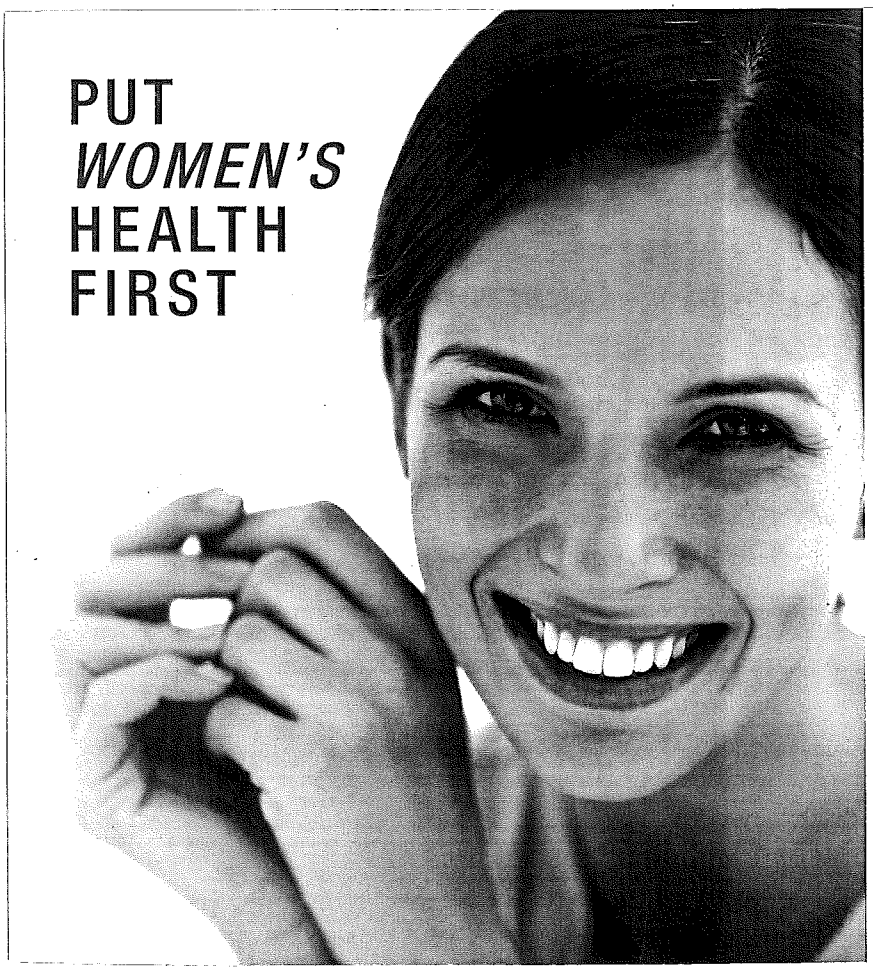

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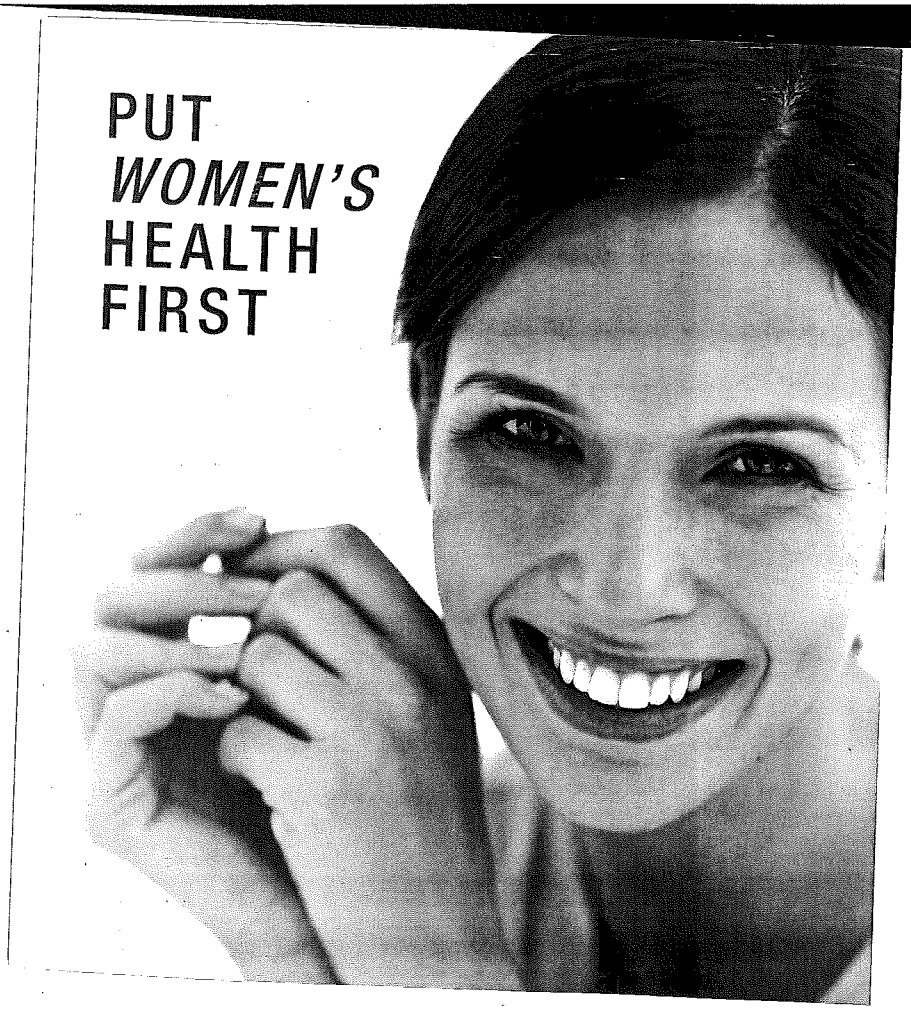

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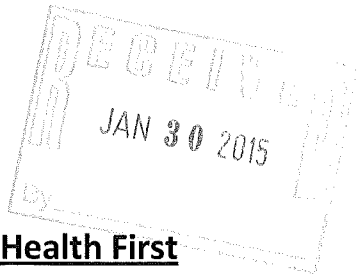

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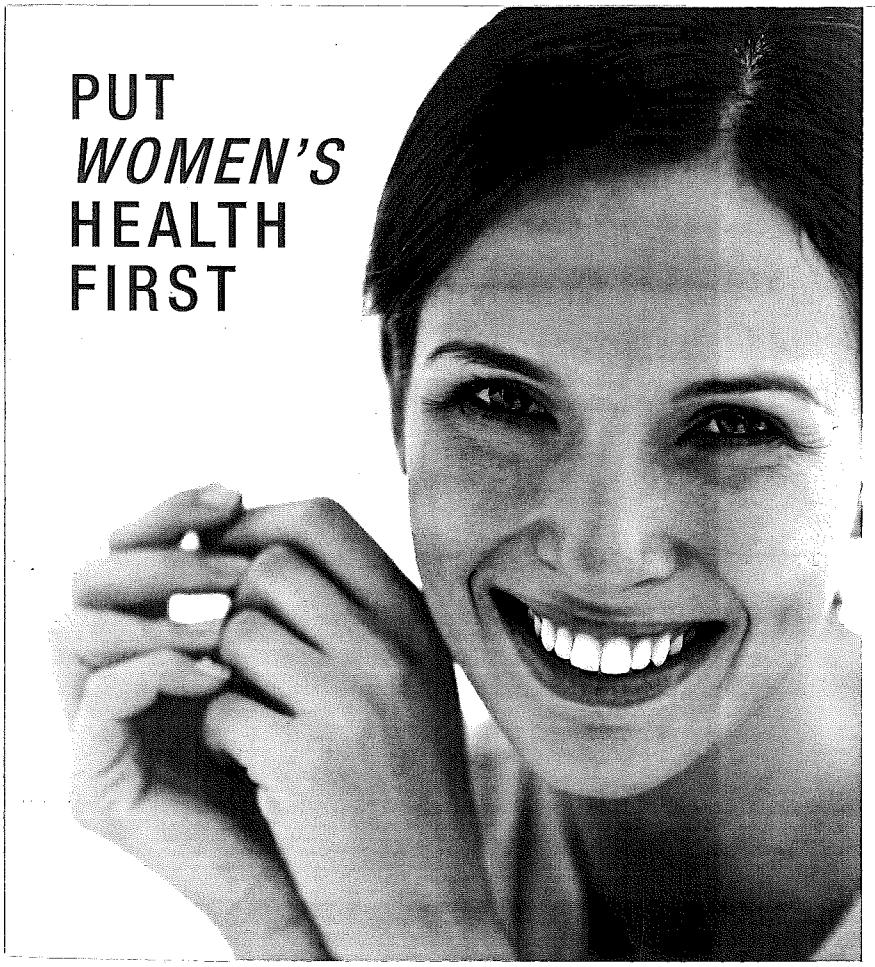

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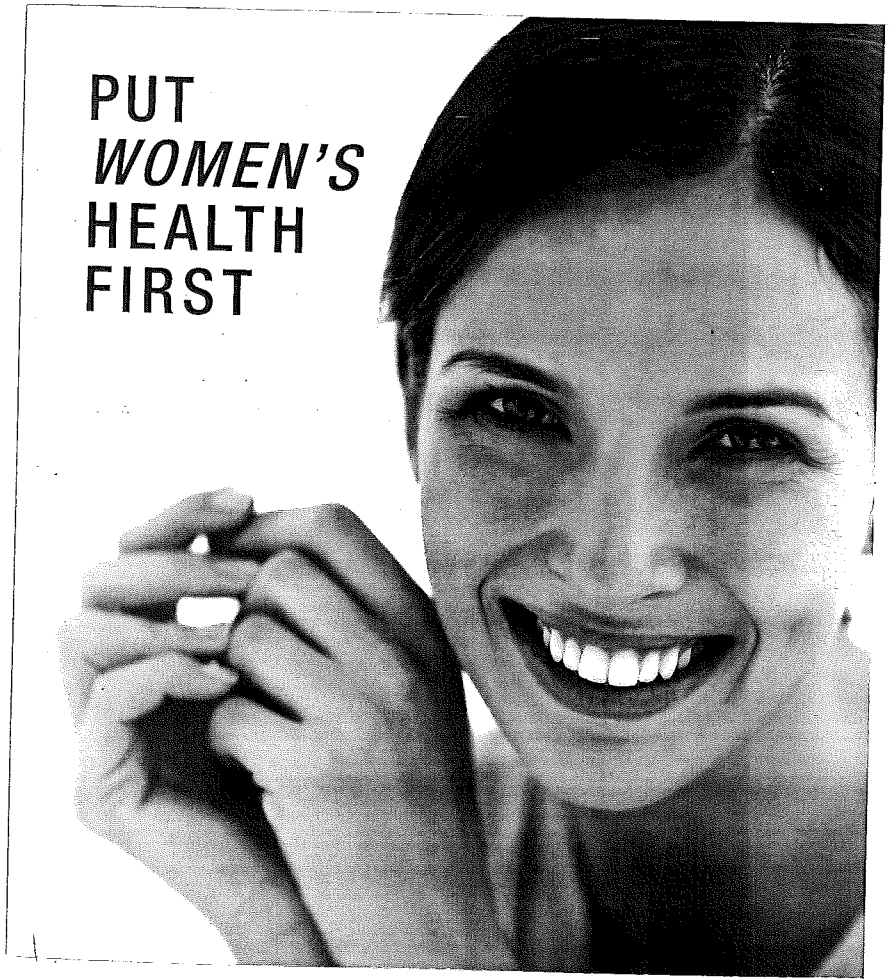

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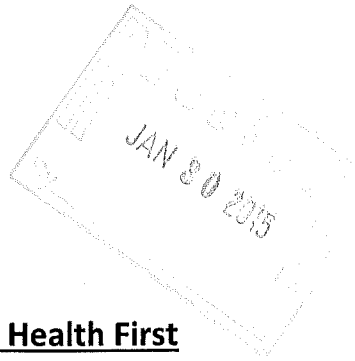

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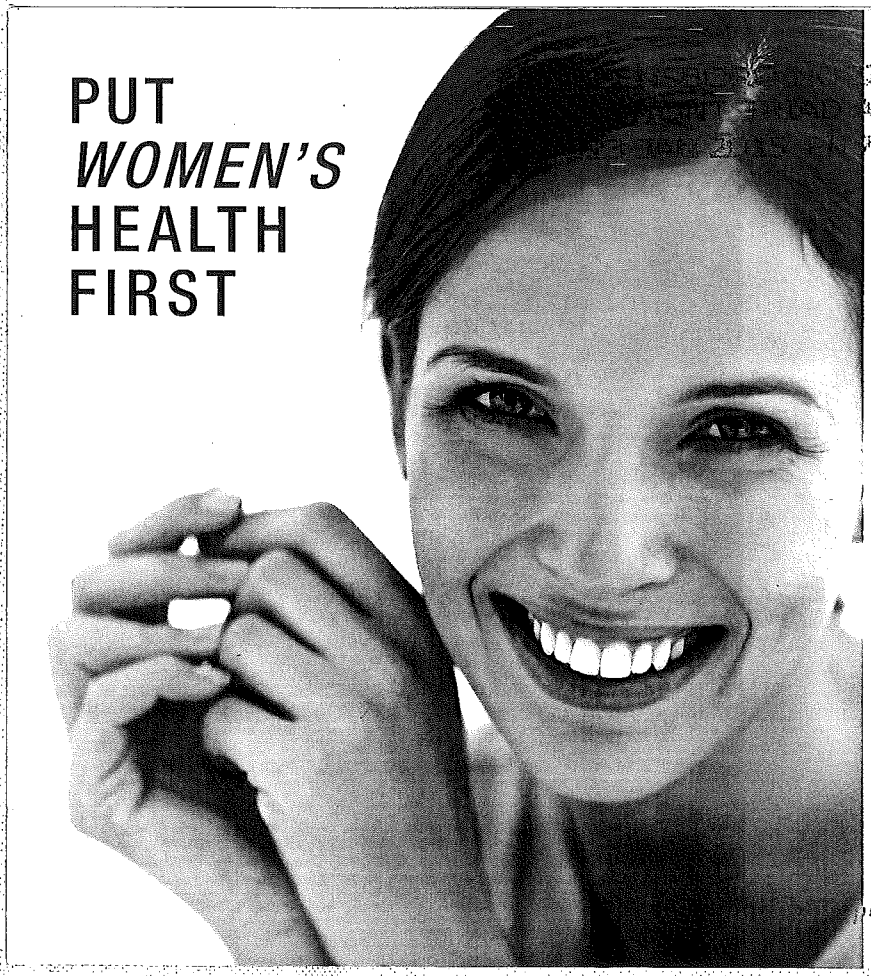

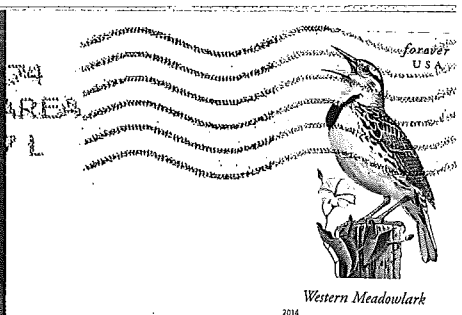

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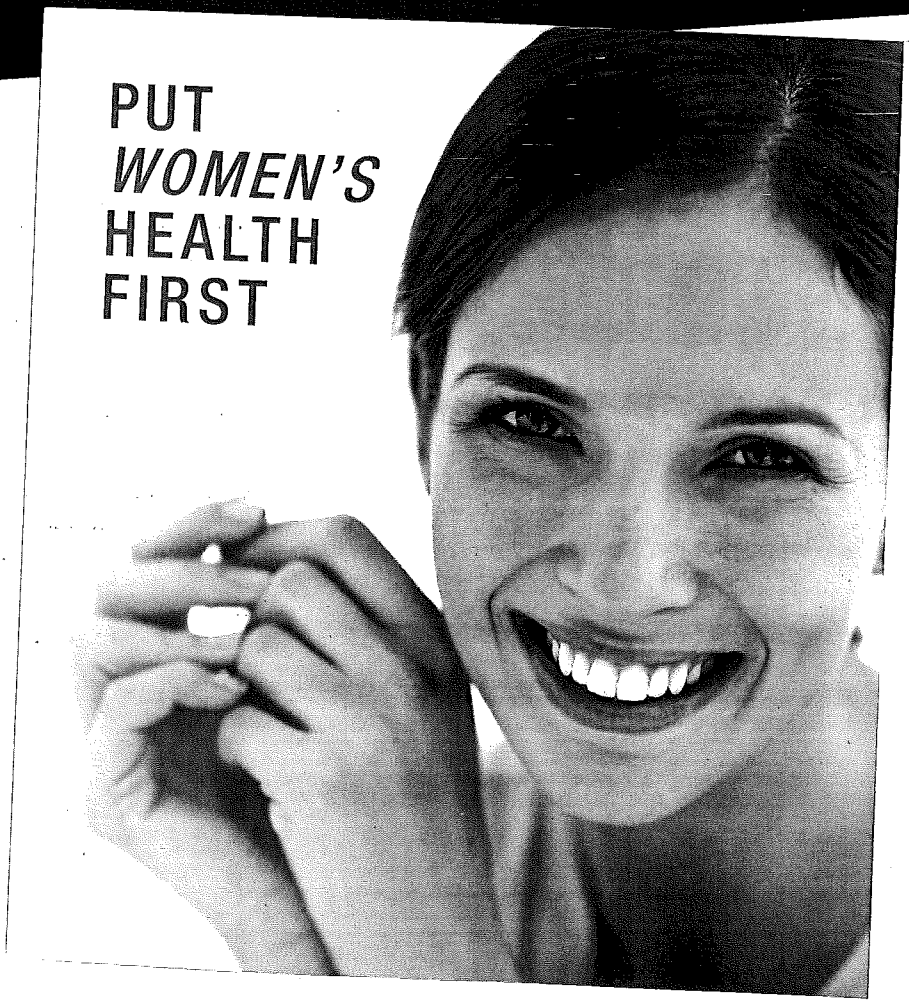

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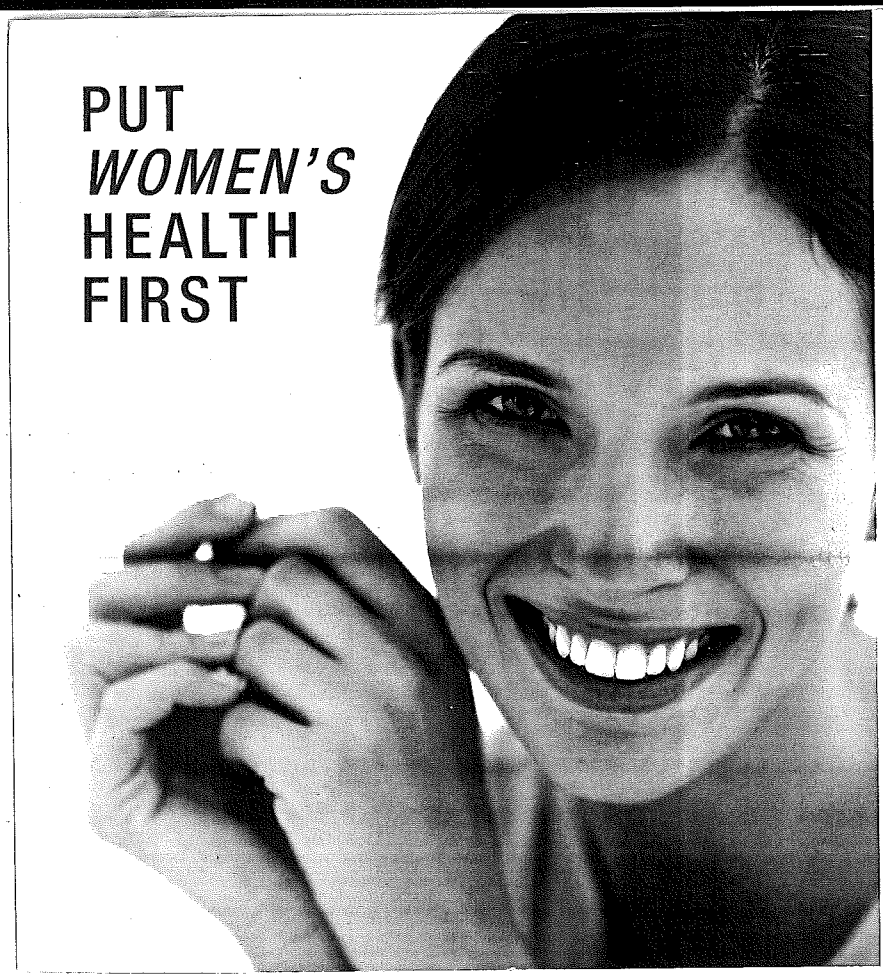

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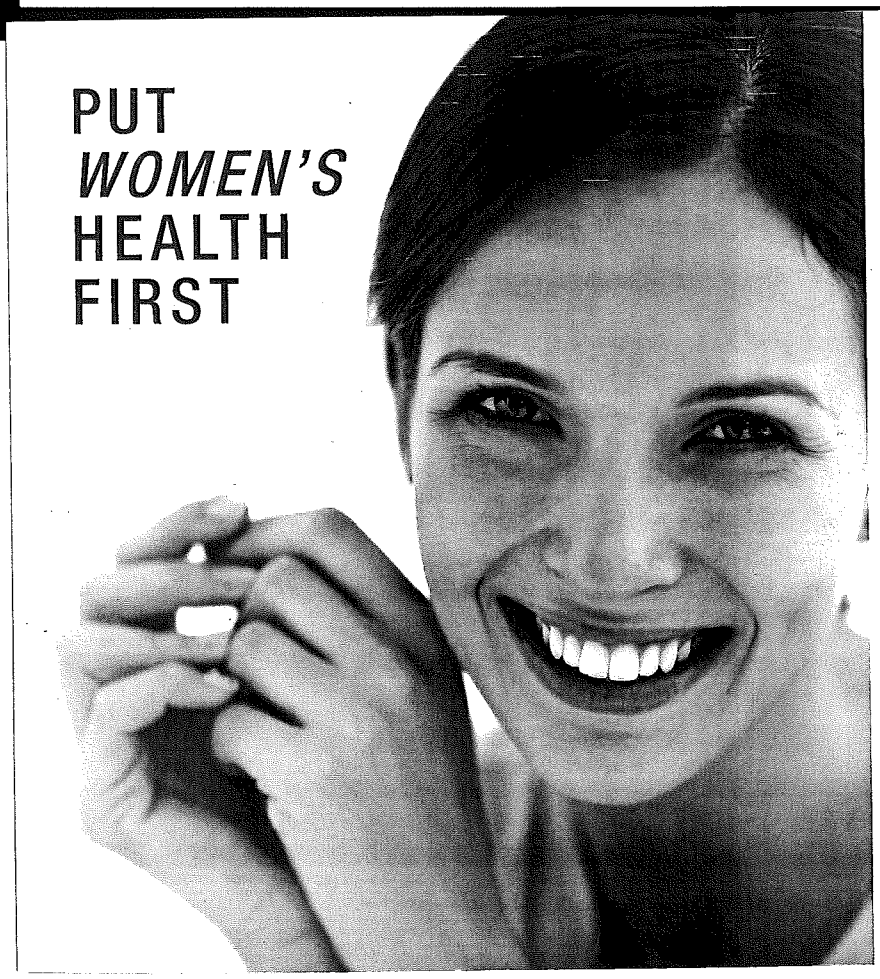

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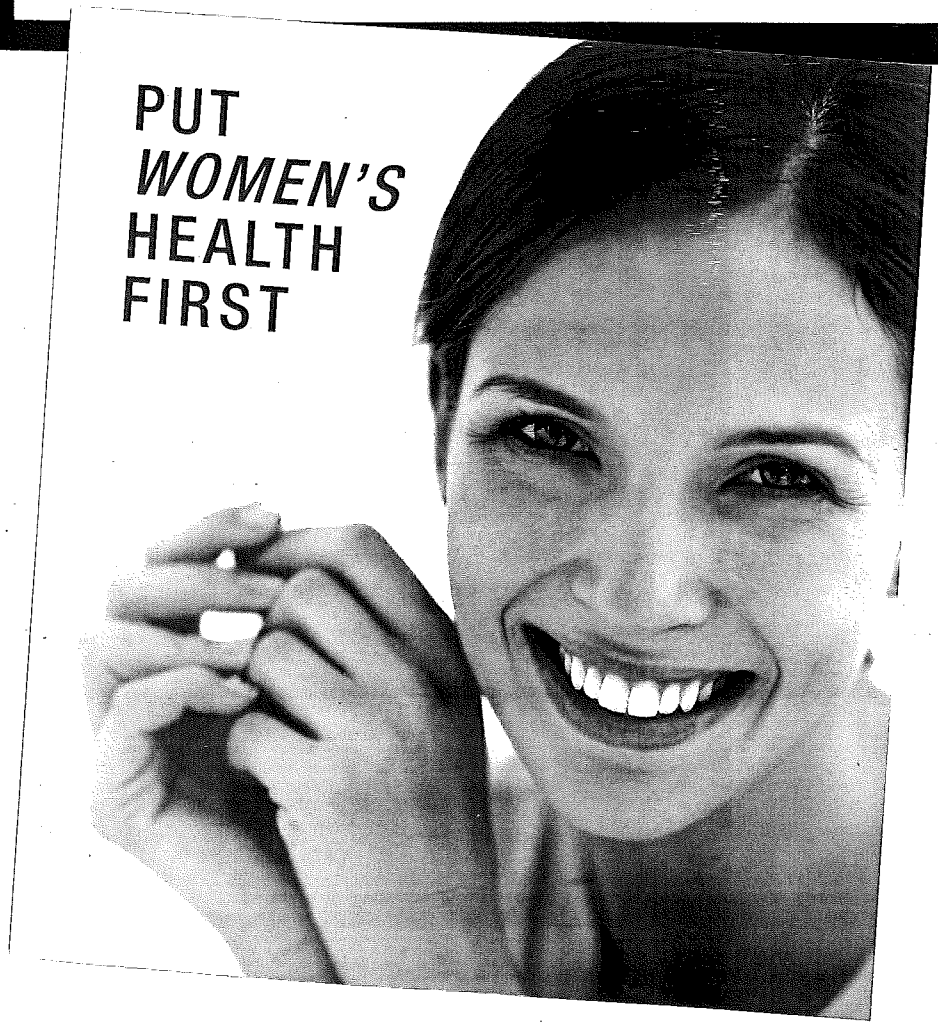

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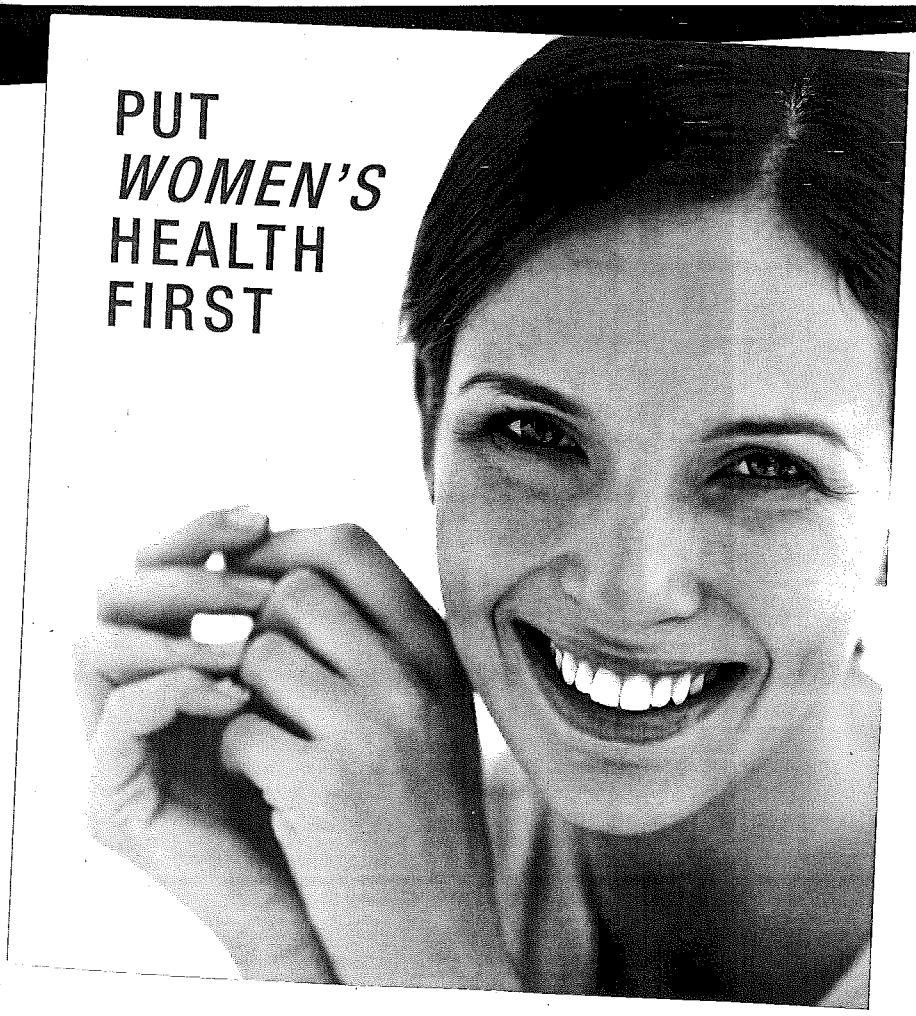

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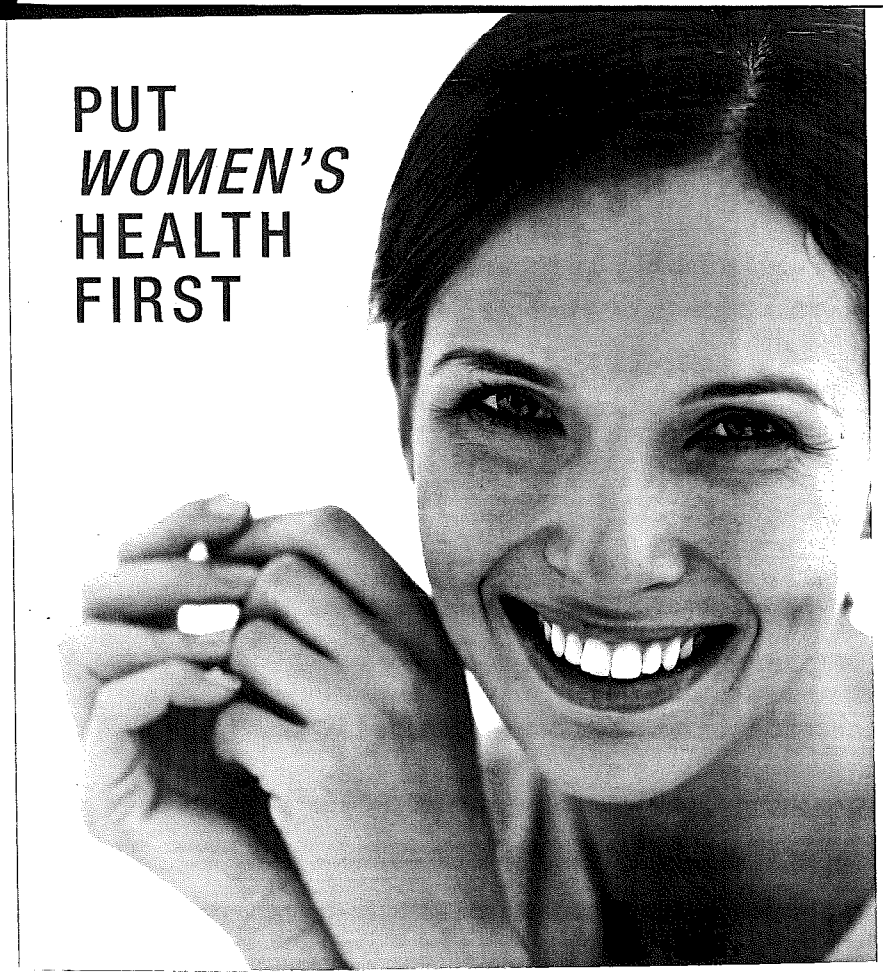

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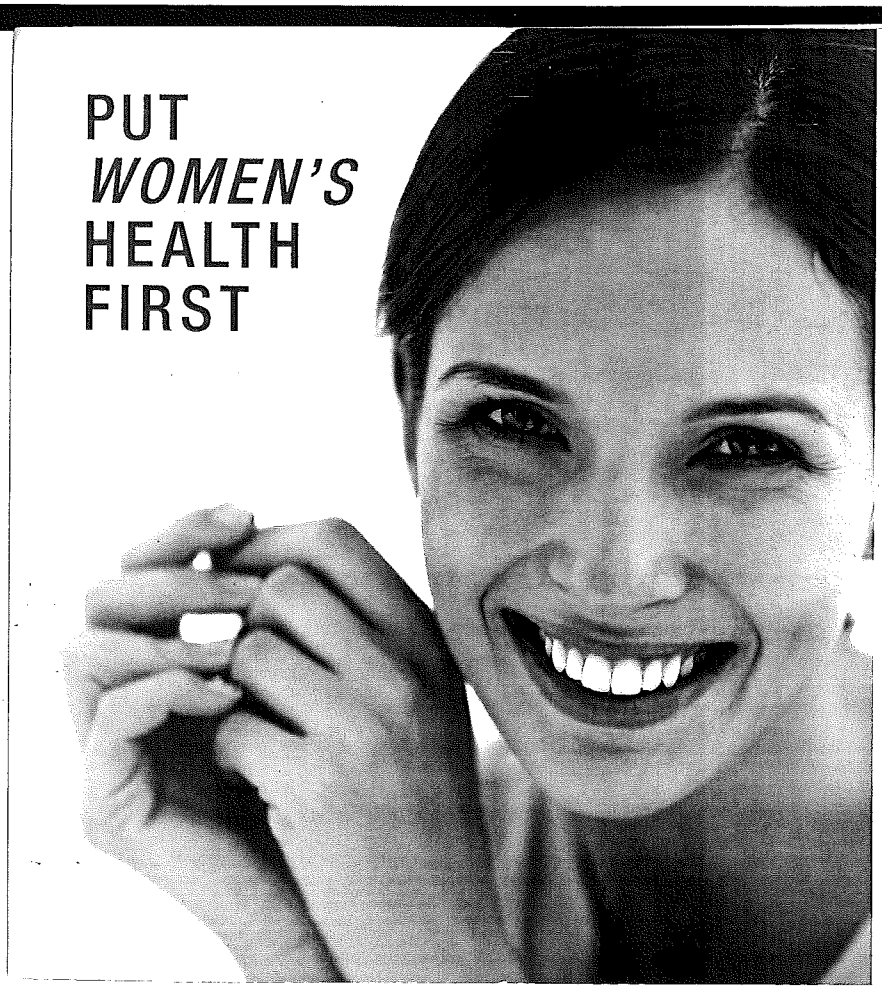

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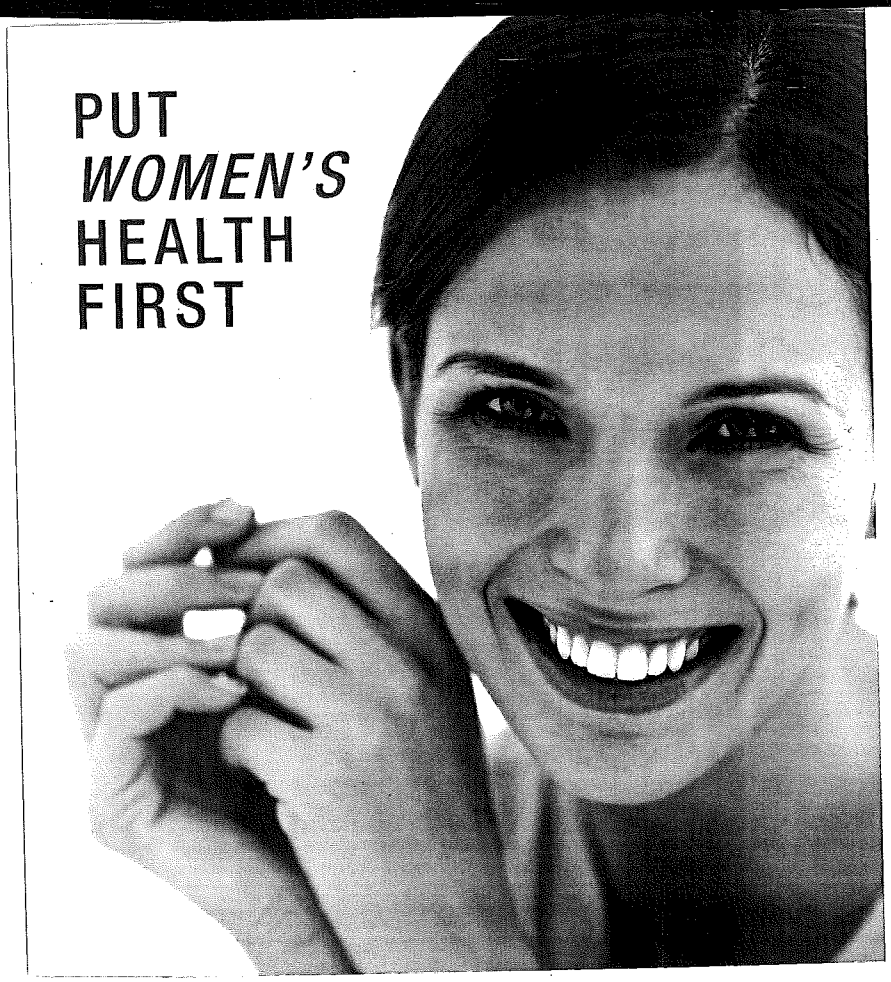

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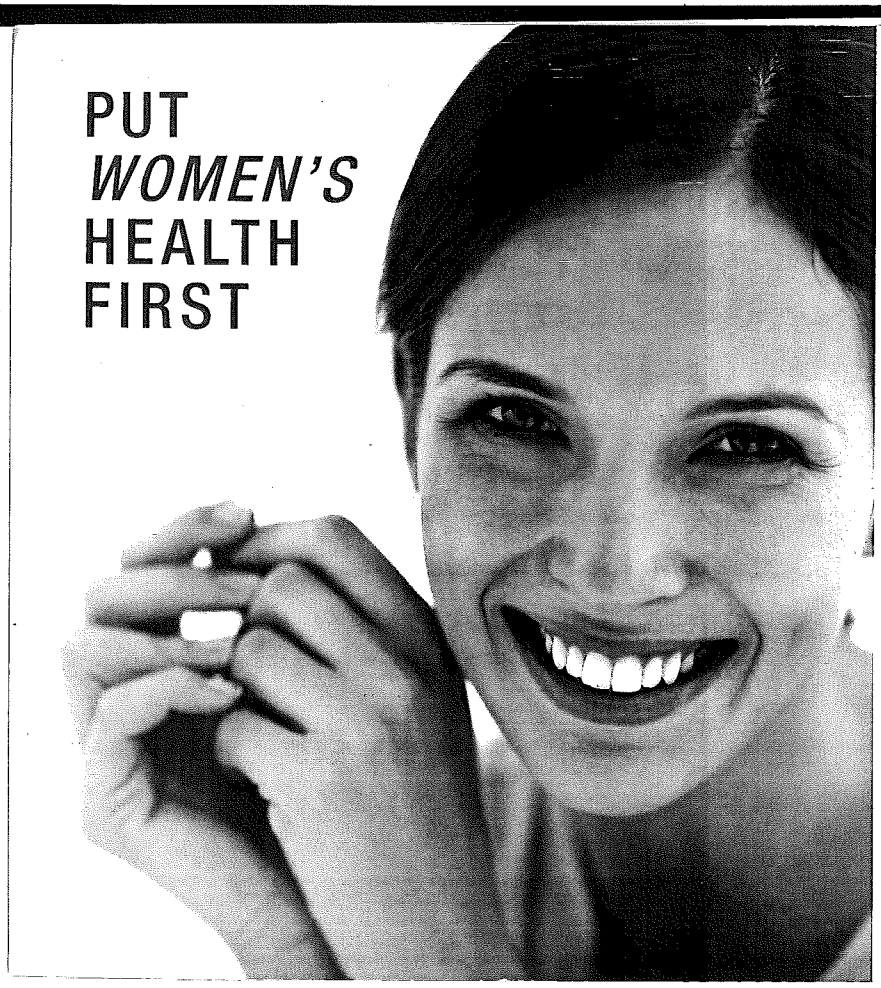

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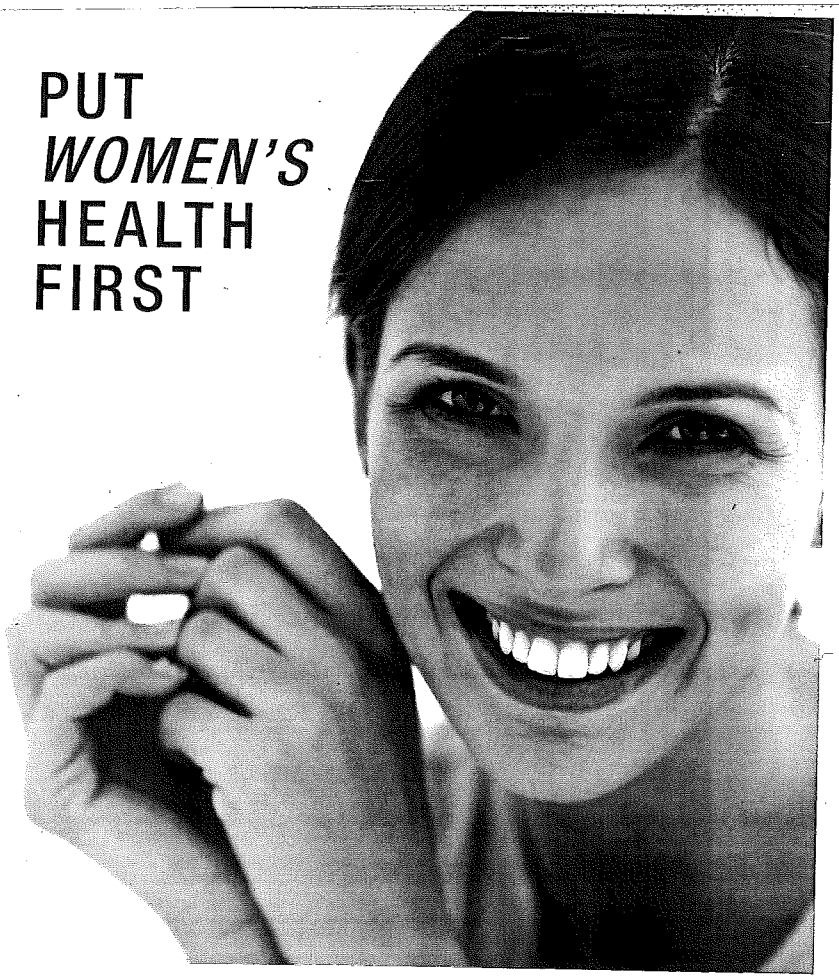

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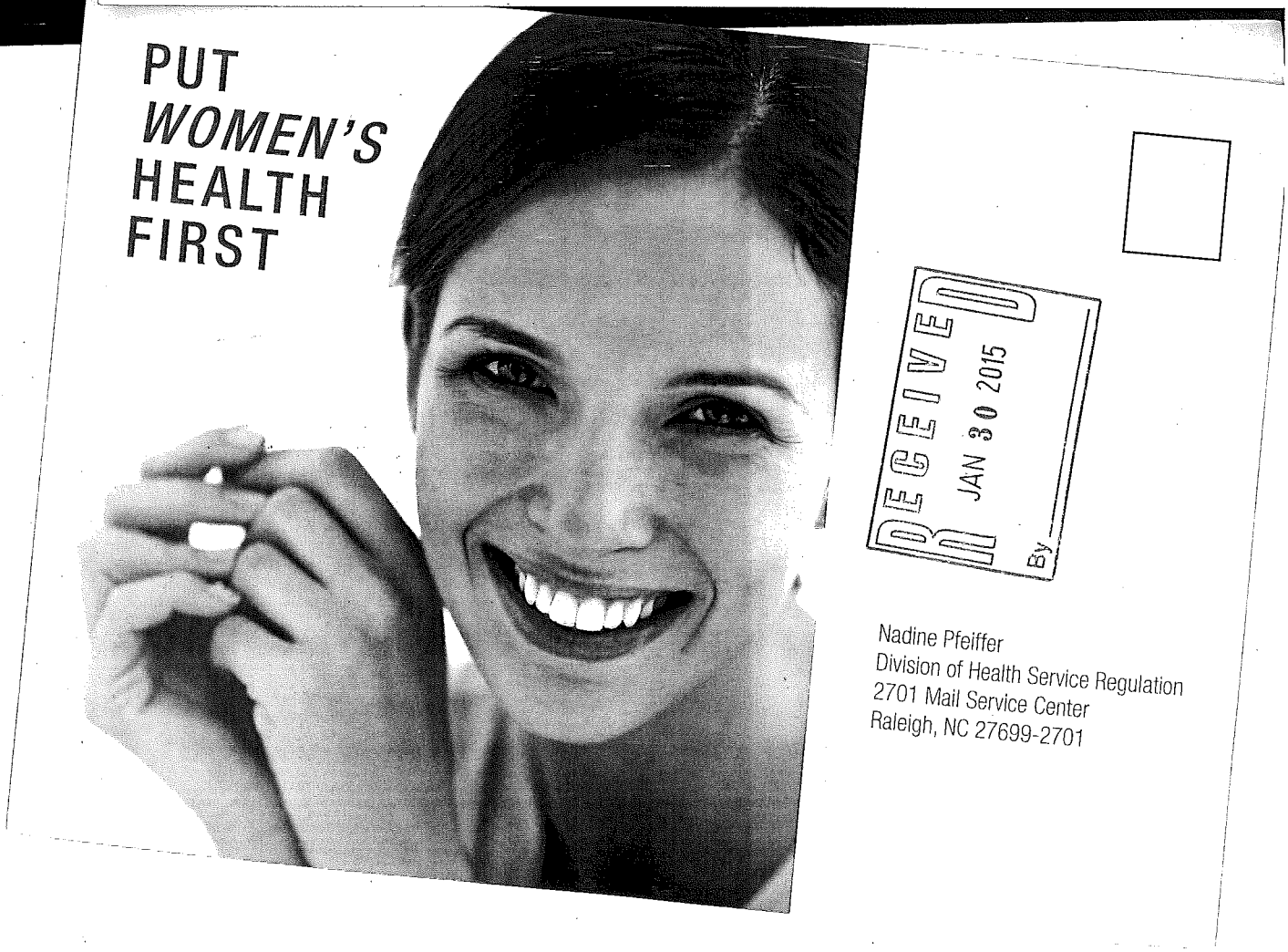

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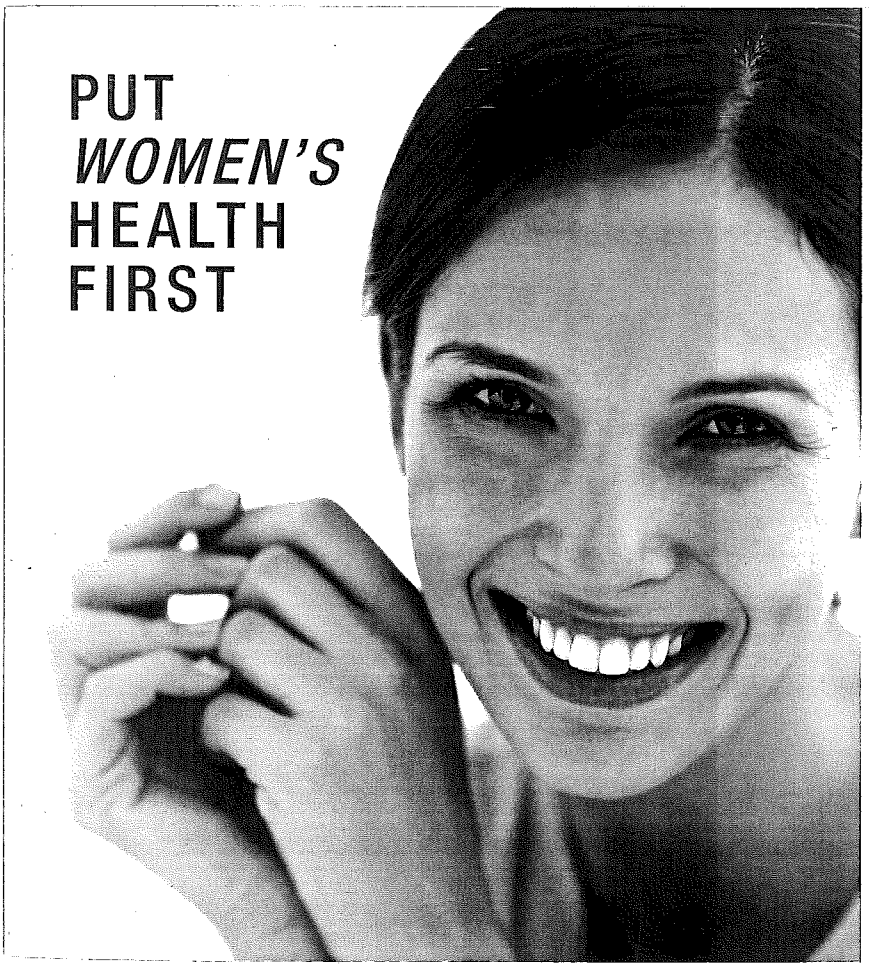

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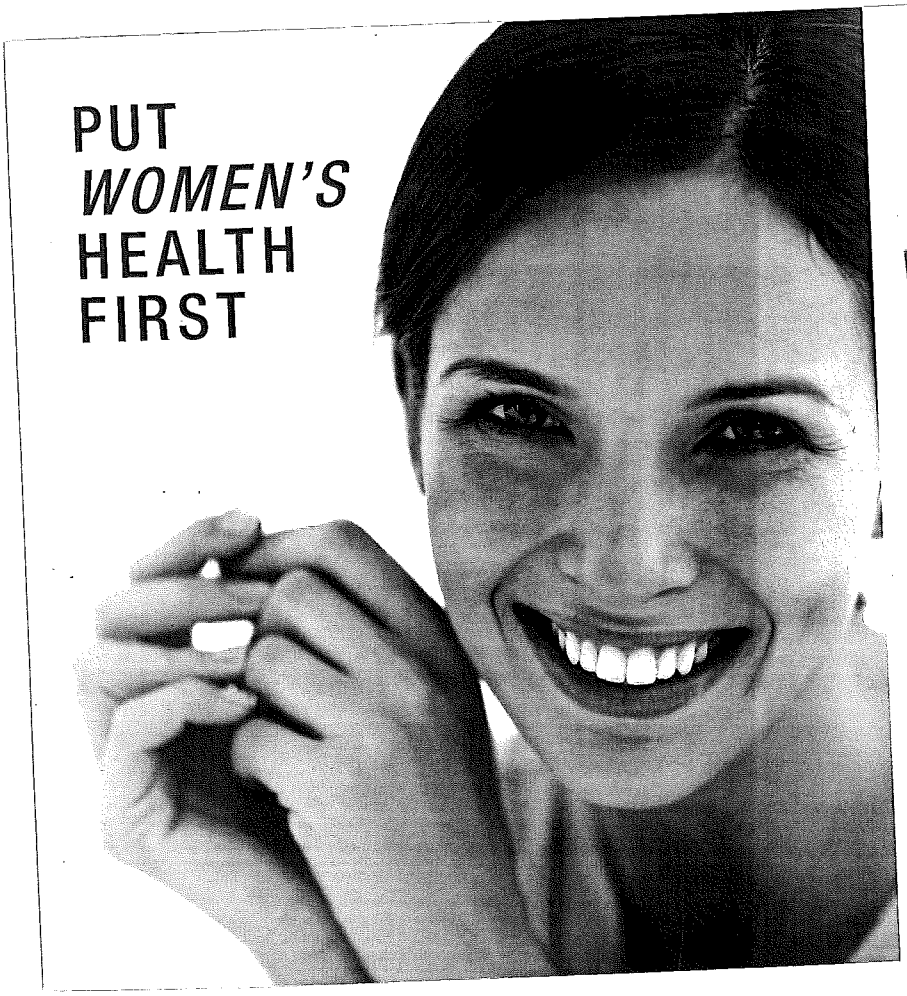

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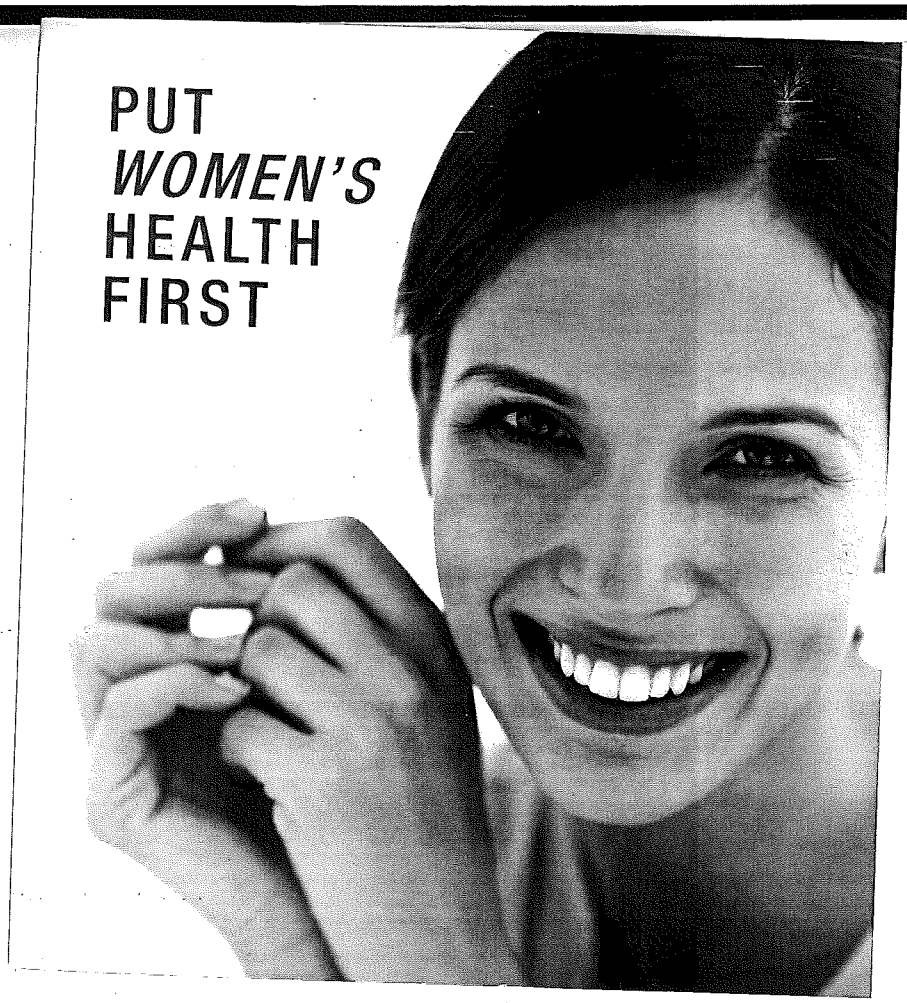

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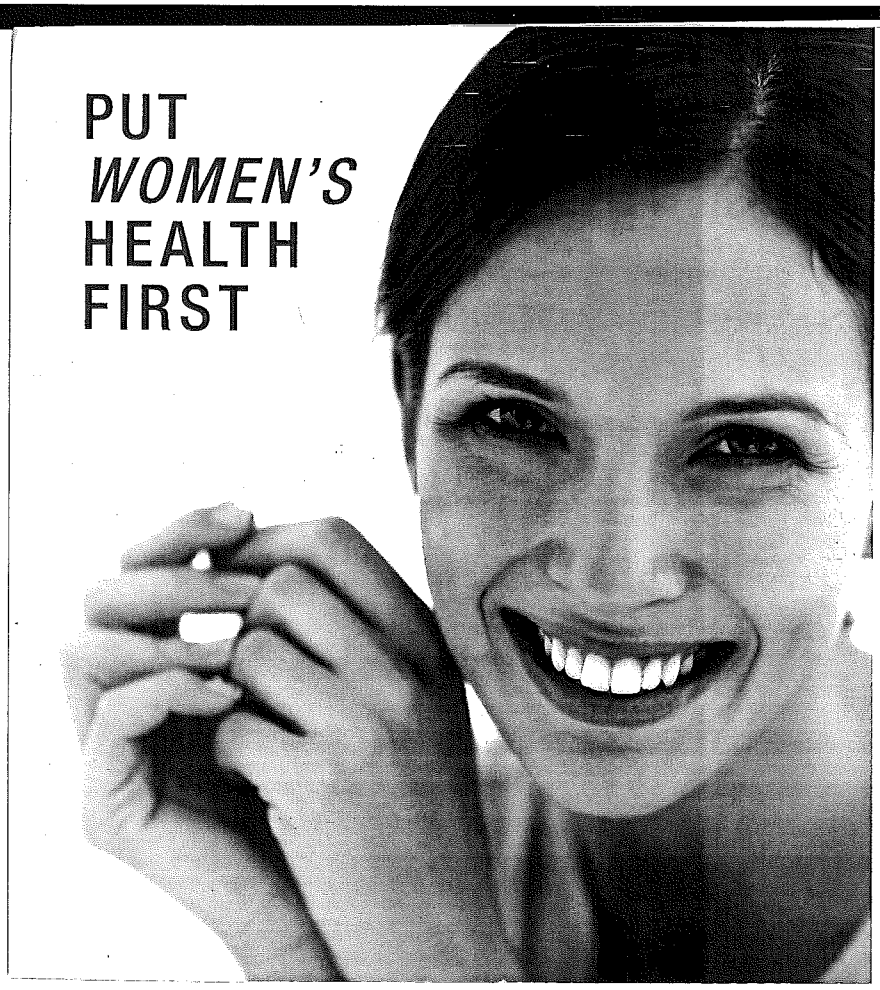

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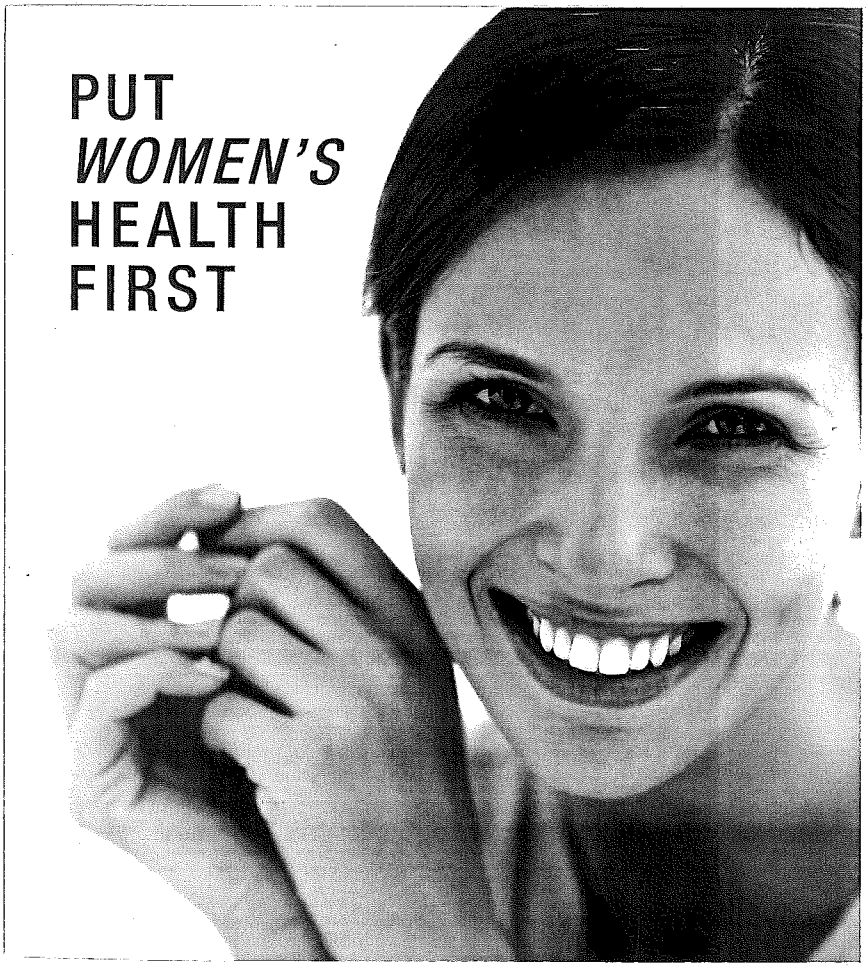

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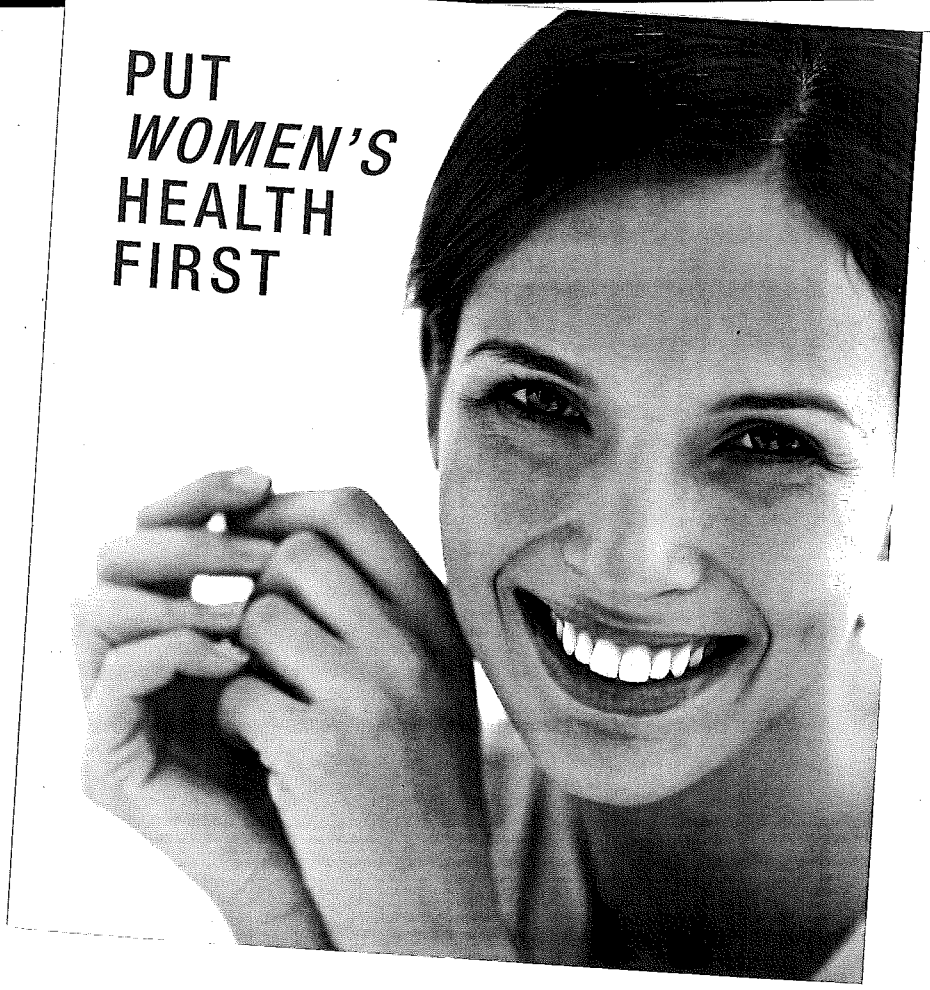

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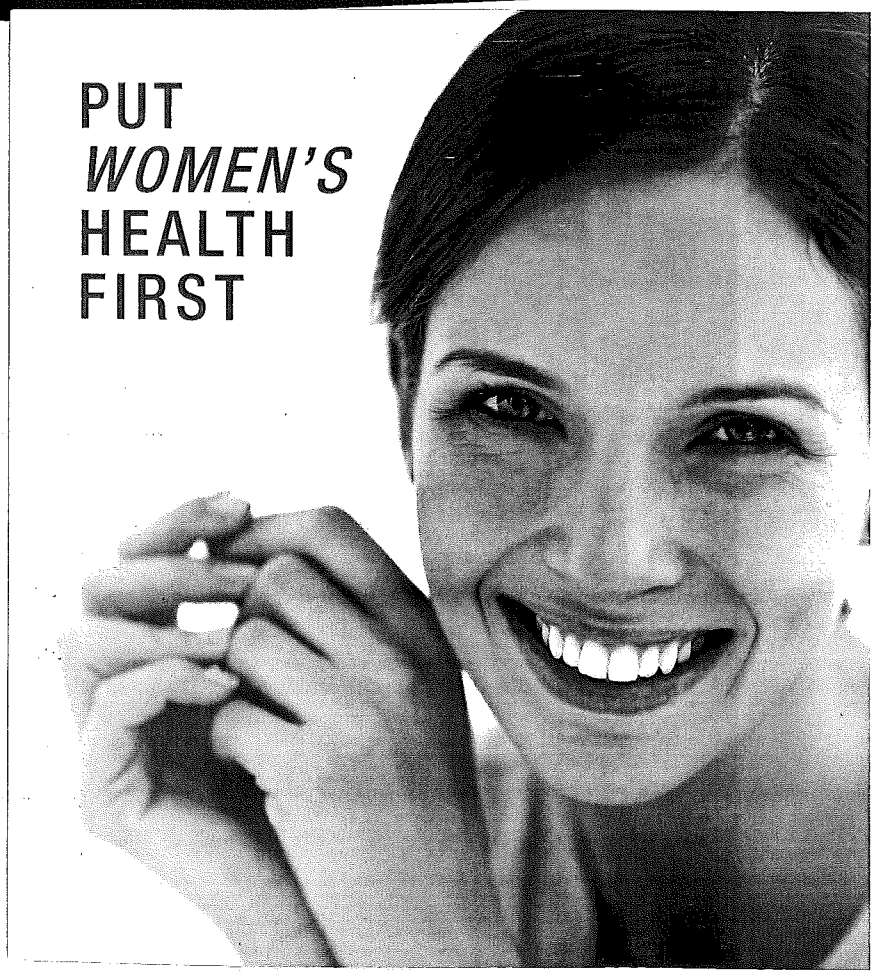

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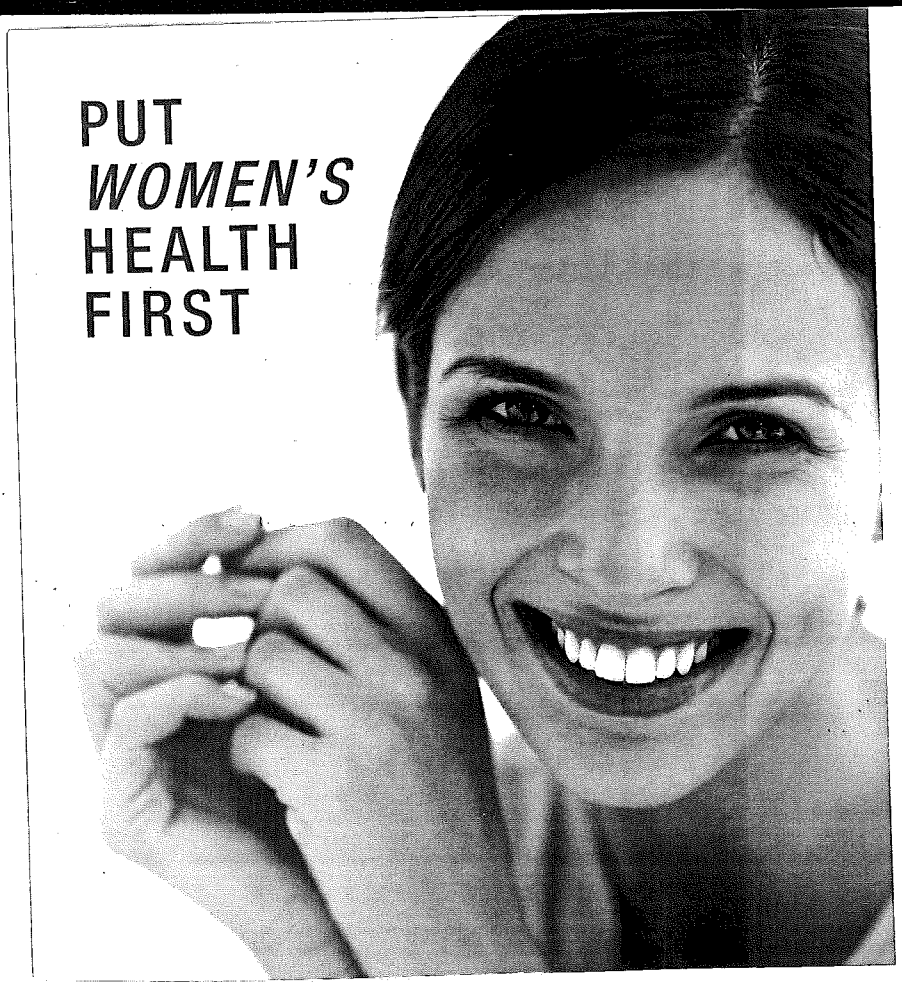

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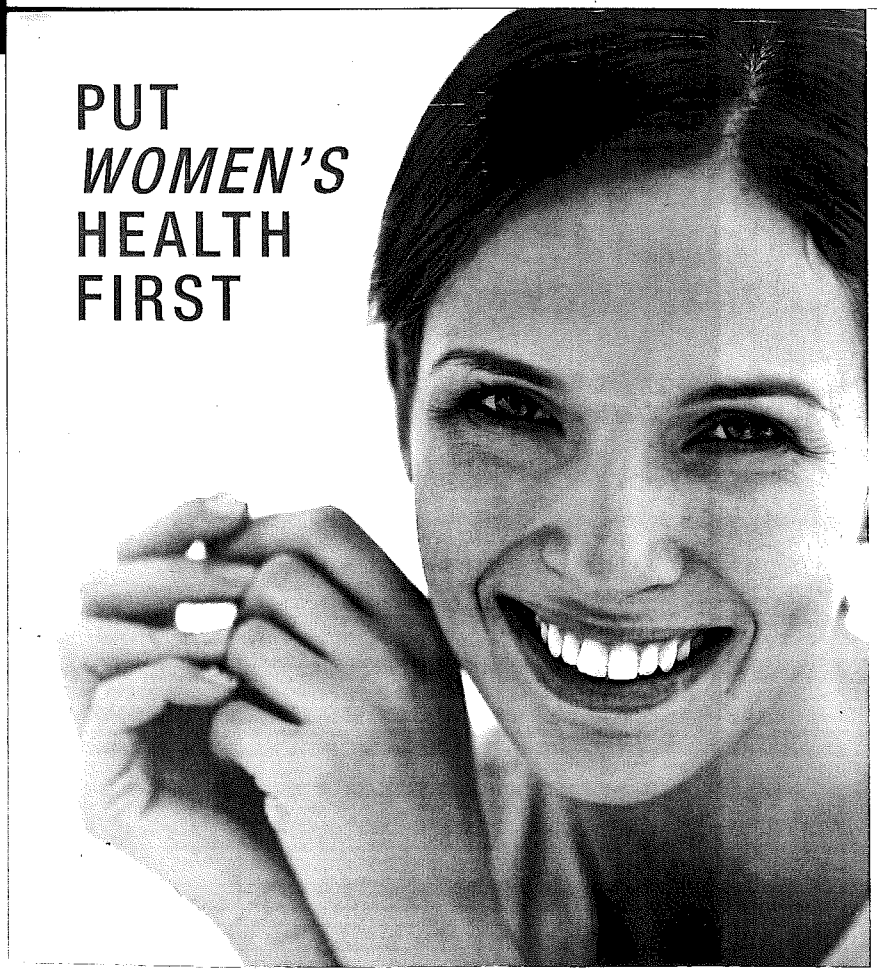

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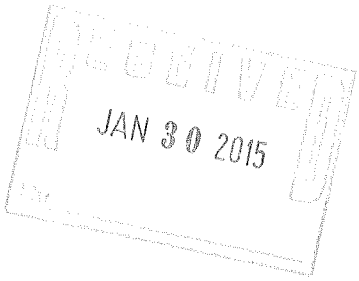

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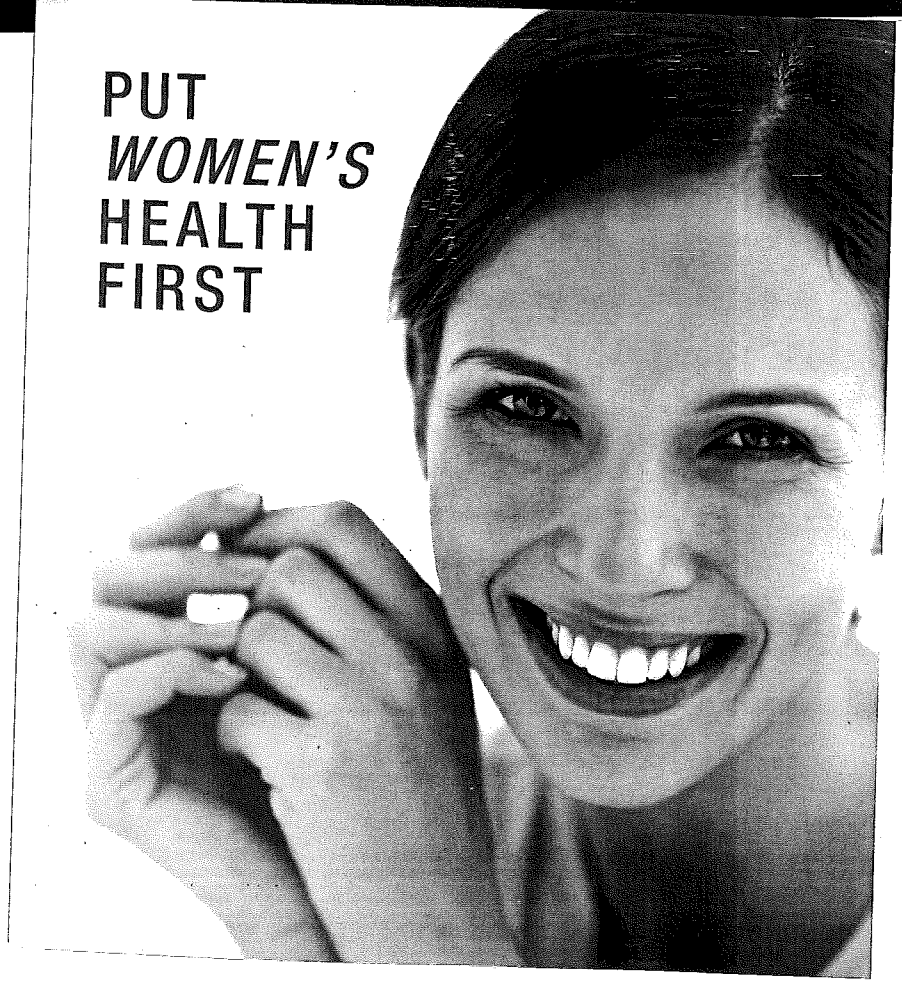

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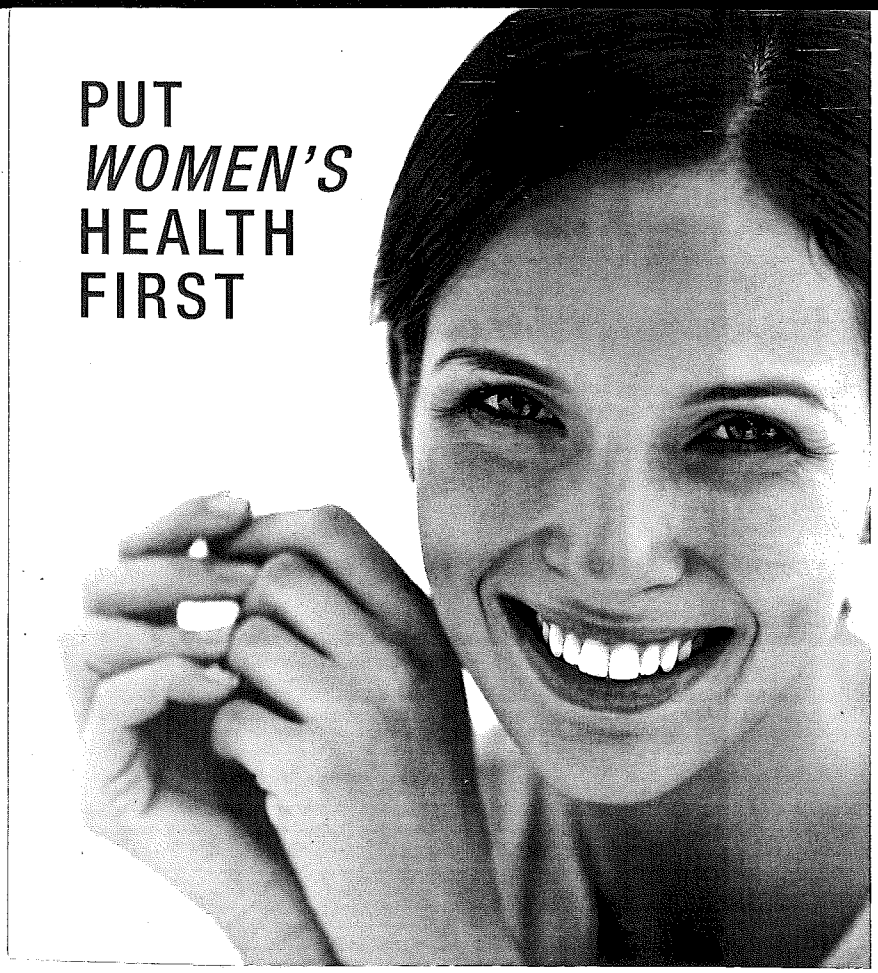

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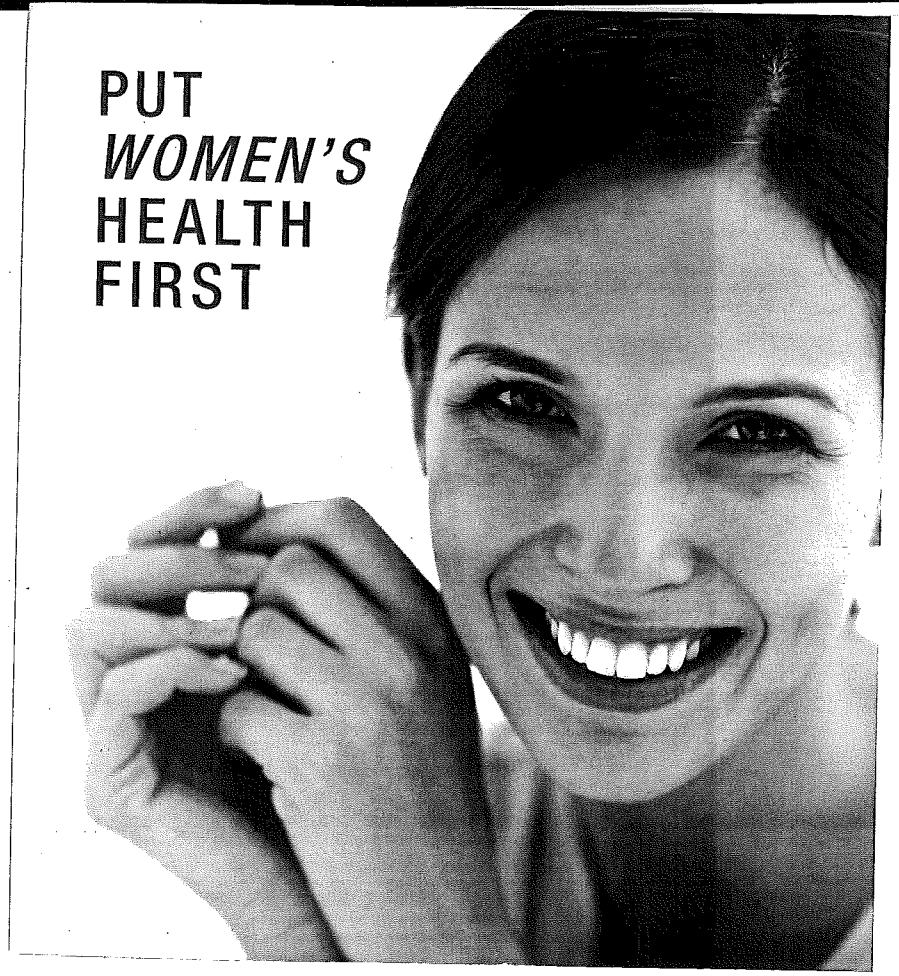

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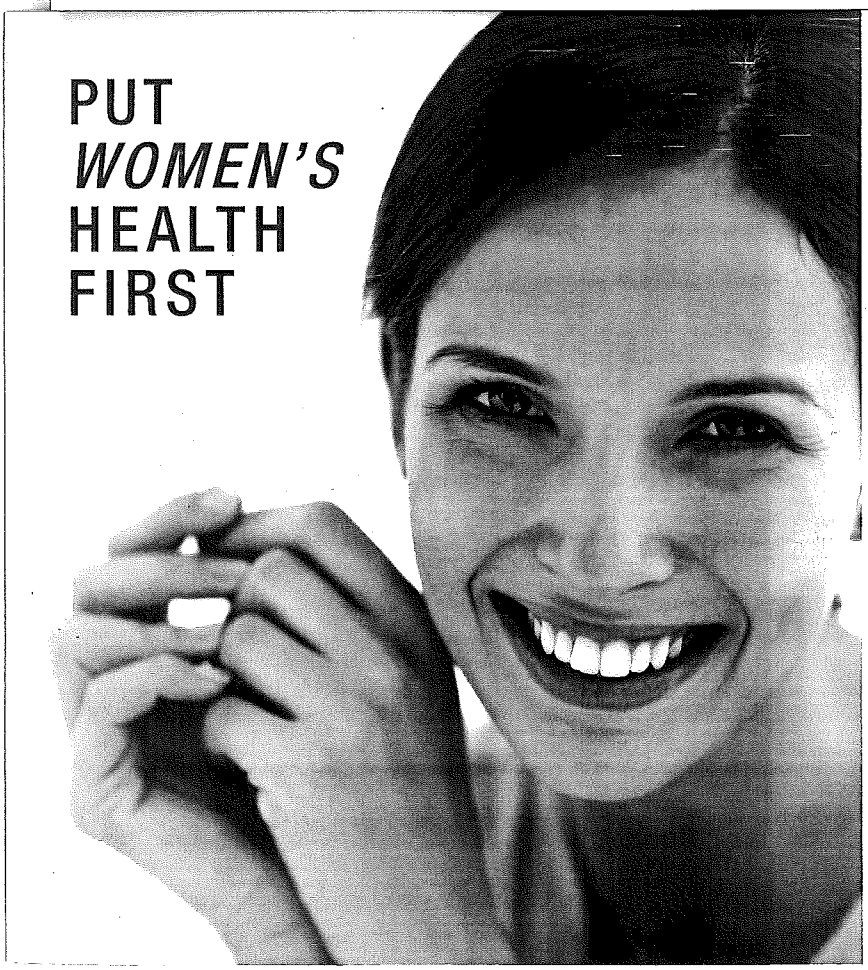

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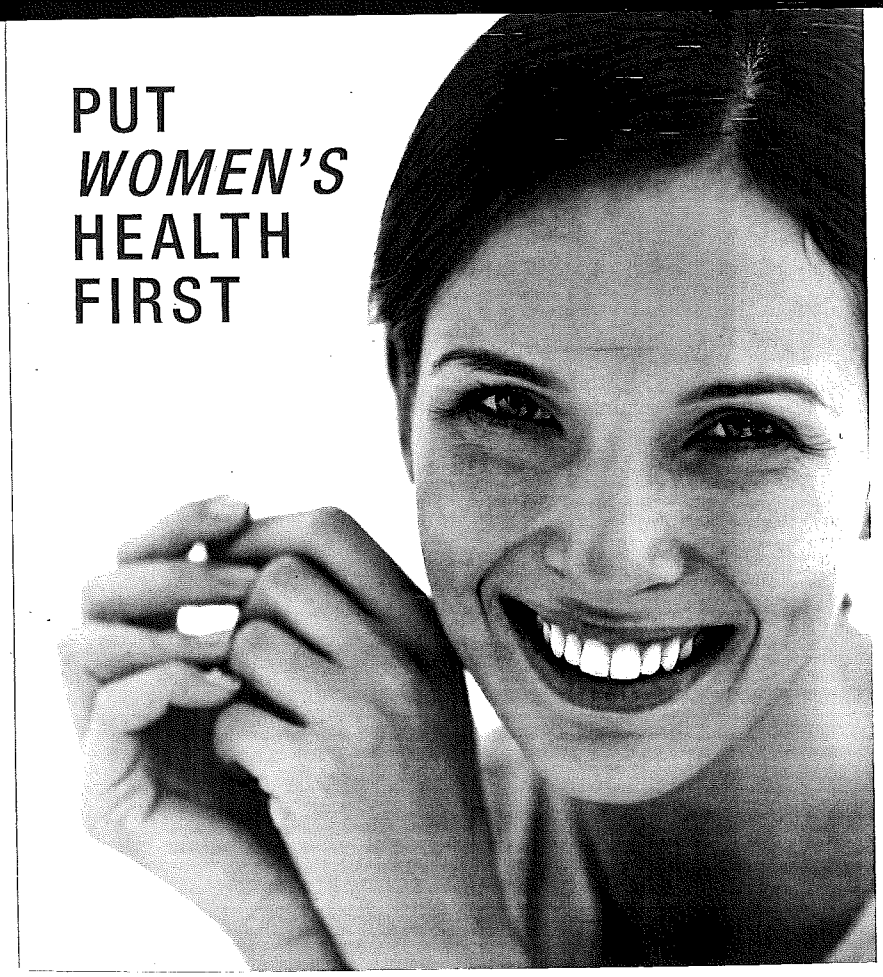

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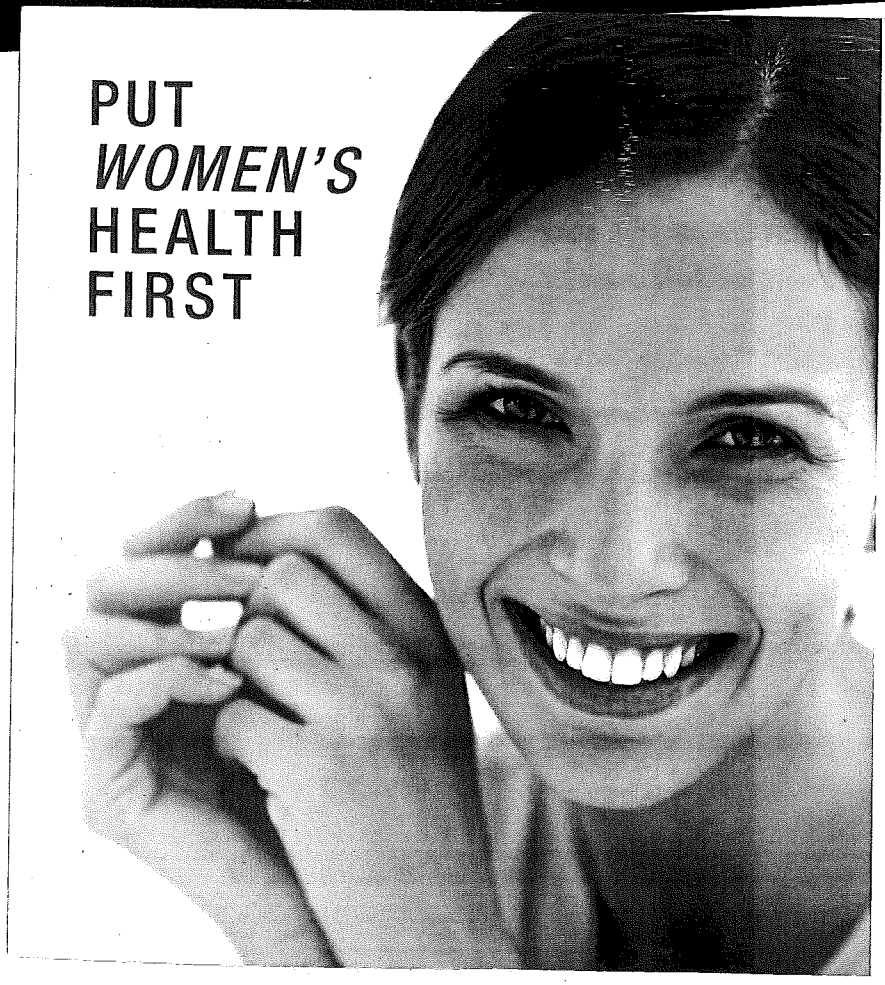

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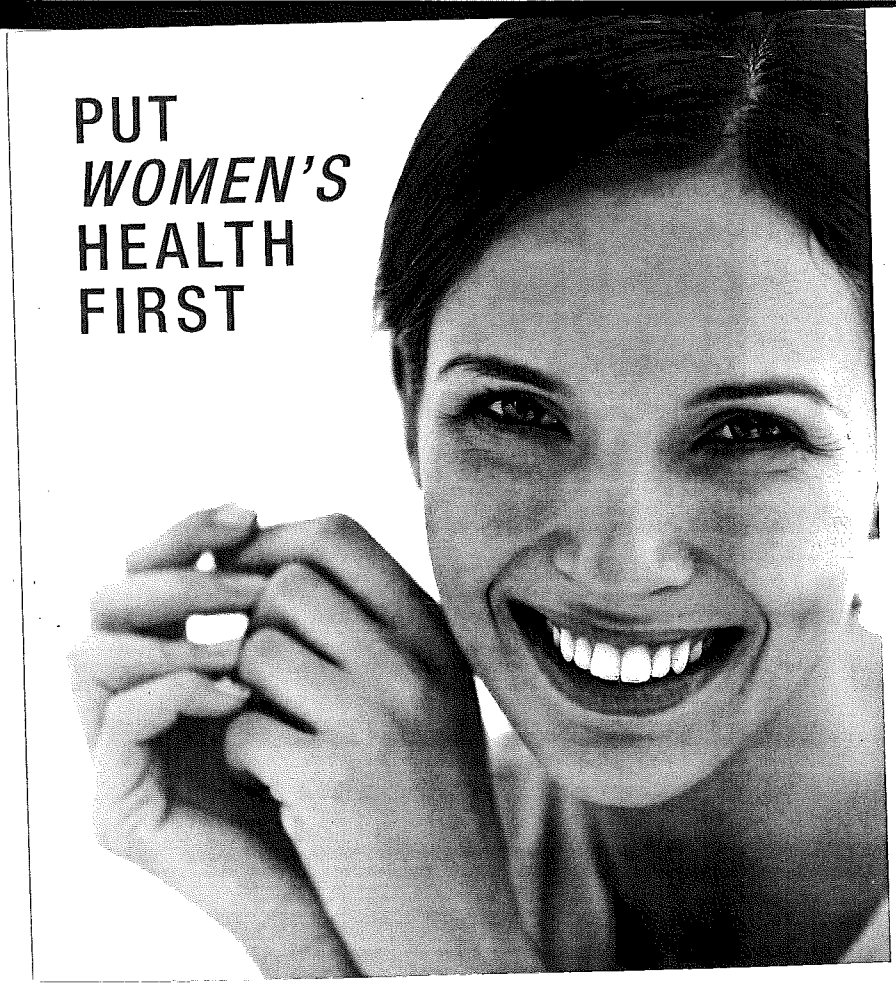

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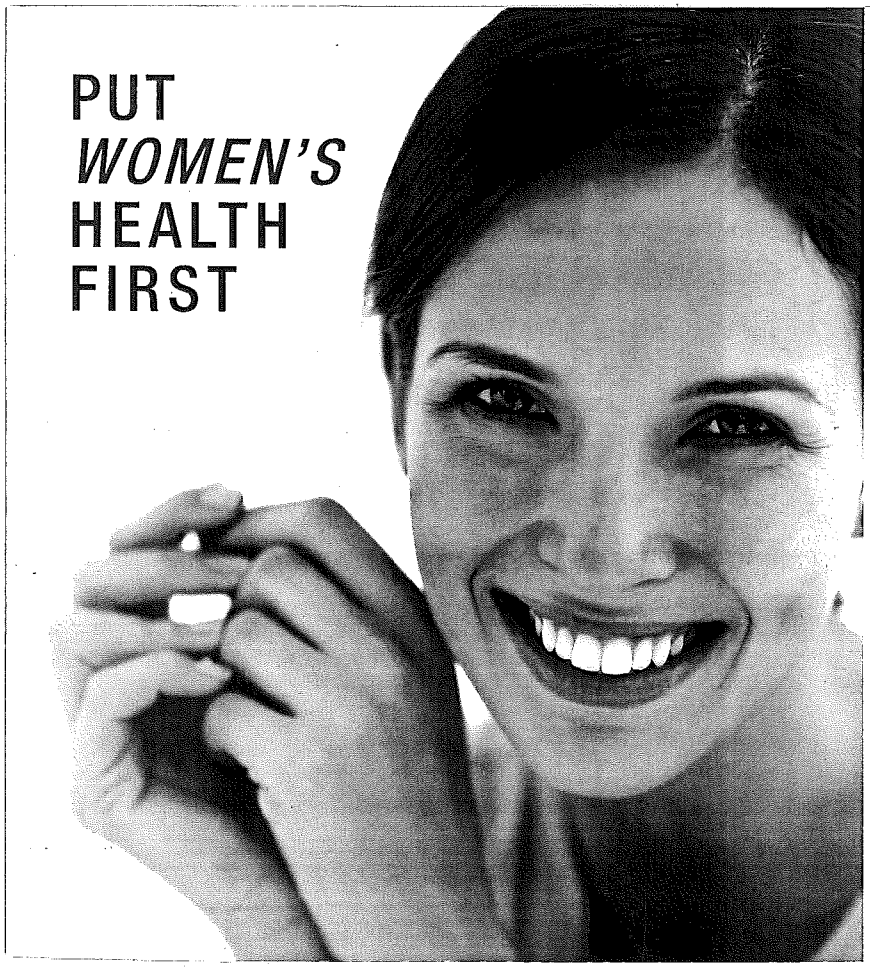

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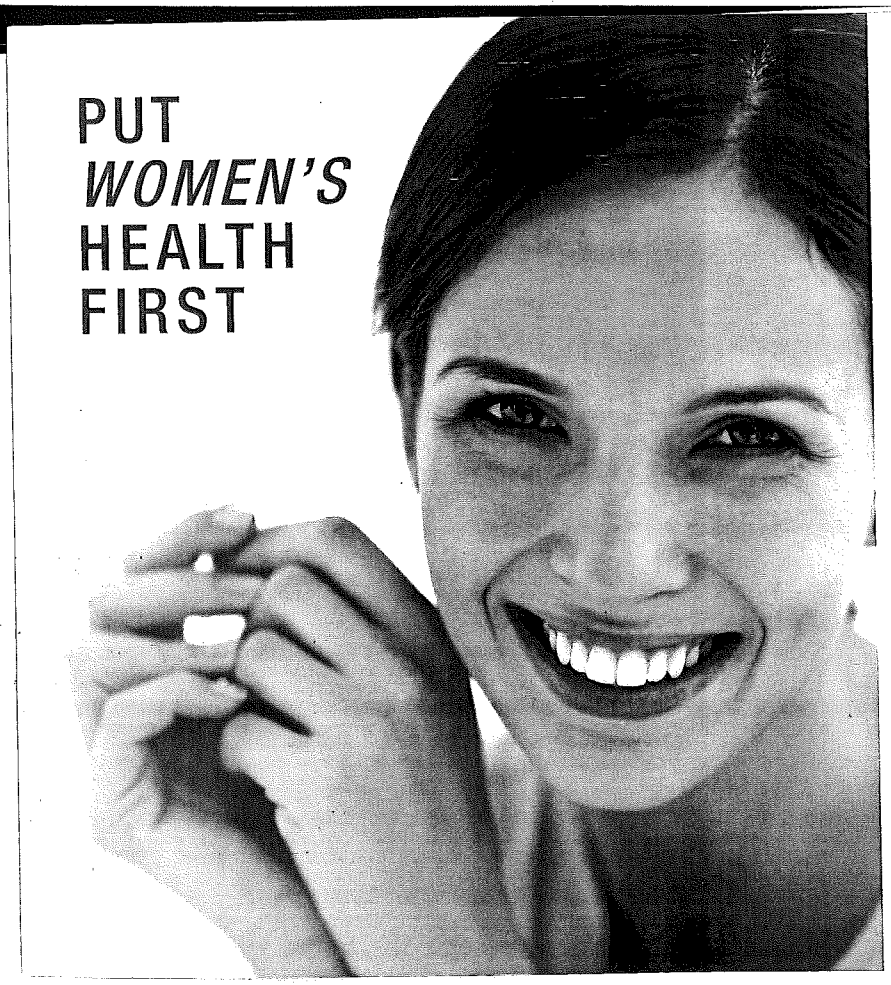

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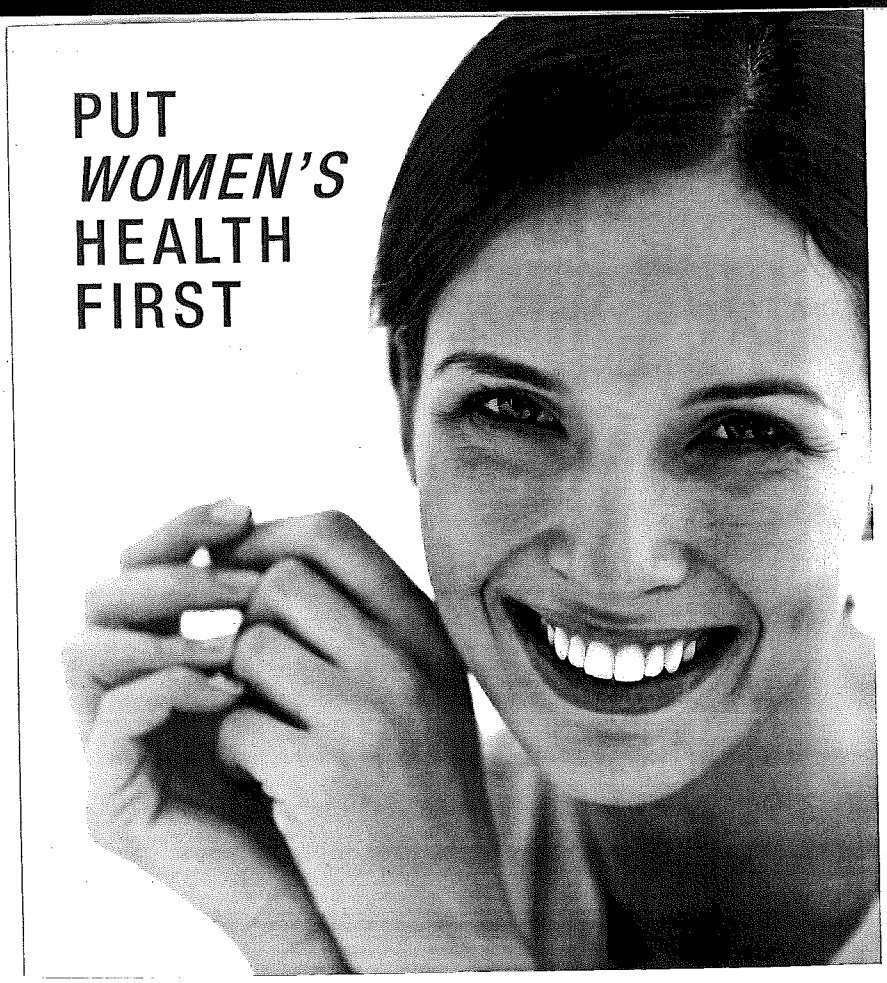

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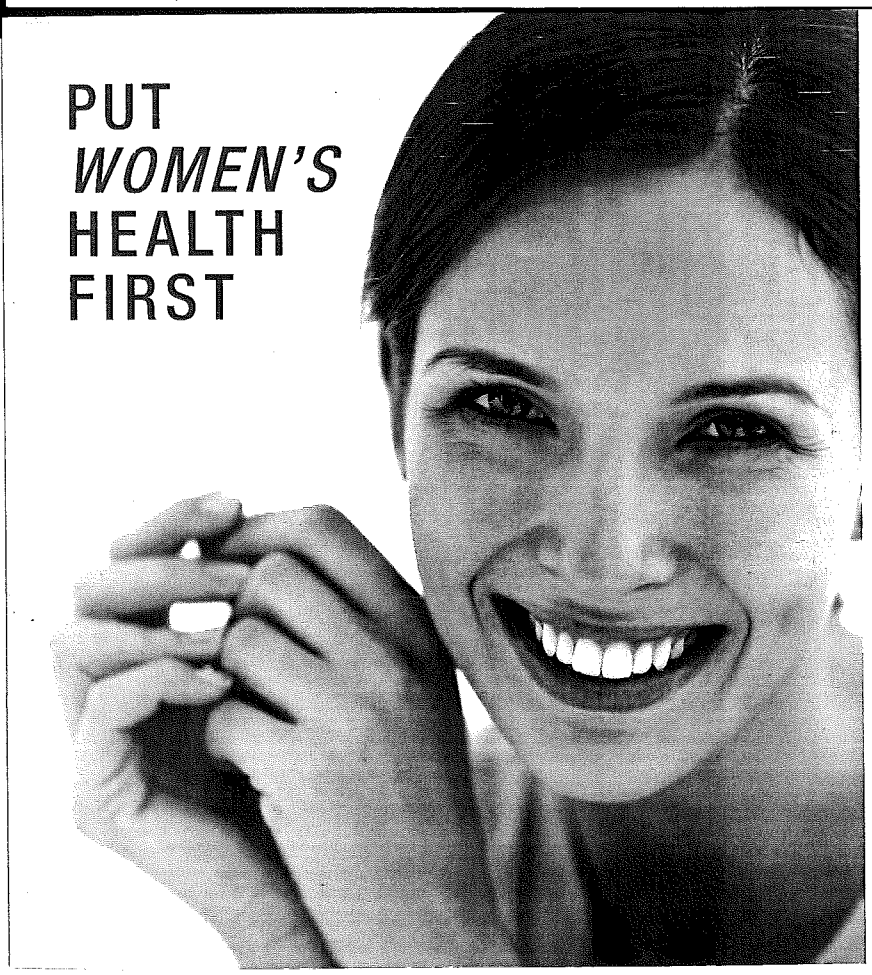

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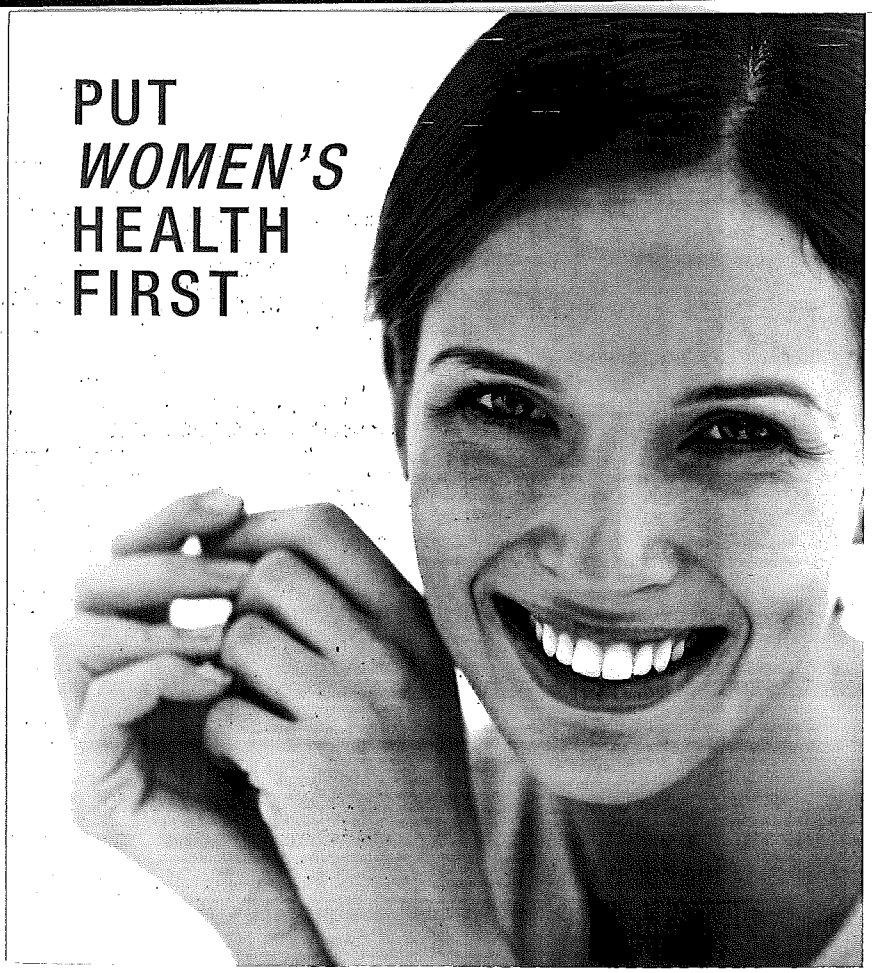

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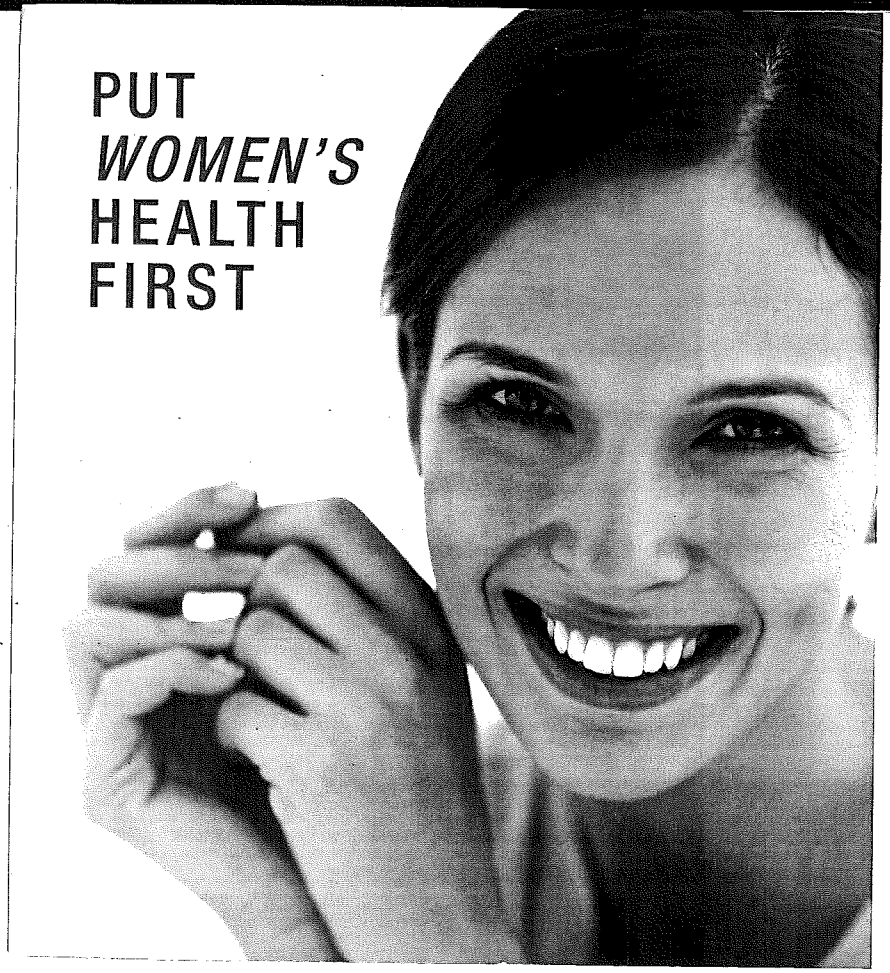

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Re: Public Comment Regarding Proposed Rule 10A NCAC 14E

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer,

As an organization dedicated to protecting the constitutional right of women to access complete reproductive health care, including safe and legal abortion, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina ("ACLU-NC") submits these comments supporting the proposed amendments to 10A NCAC 14E ("proposed rules"), with one exception. The ACLU-NC has watched the development and issuance of these draft rules with great interest. We were pleased to learn that the Department of Health and Human Services had sought input from medical providers and to see proposed rules based in a desire to provide safe health care, not reduce access for women to complete health care services including abortion. We would therefore urge the Department to adopt these rules, with one suggested amendment to the wording of 10A NCAC 14E.0311(a).

We can all agree health care services should be regulated to make sure they are safe for patients and that women must have access to safe health care services. In fact, during the legislative debate over SB 695 - a predecessor to Session Law 2013-366 that also directed the amendment of 10A NCAC 14E - in 2013, Secretary Wos and Governor McCrory both indicated that the focus of any amendment to the rules should be on patient safety.[1] It is therefore important that health care providers were consulted in the development of these rules and that the Department has avoided politicizing what is, in essence, a change to health care regulations that should be decided by experts in that field, not politicians. The ACLU-NC appreciates that these changes have focused on the well-being of patients since these clinics often provide services beyond abortion, including general gynecological care. This care is vital to these clinics' patients and they should not be denied health care because of political interference with access to safe and legal abortion.

The ACLU-NC generally supports these rules and urges their adoption. However, we suggest clarifying the proposed rules found in 10A NCAC 14E .0311(a). The proposed rules would adjust the language in this section to read, "The procedure room shall be maintained exclusively for abortion procedures . . . . " However, as mentioned above abortion clinics often provide medical services beyond abortion, including colposcopy, drainage of a cyst,

[1] Matthew Burns & Laura Leslie, *DHHS chief calls for more study of abortion restrictions,* WRAL, July 9, 2013, available at http://www.wral.com/dhhs-chief-calls-for-more-study-of-abortion-restrictions/12640966/.

endometrial biopsy, and management of spontaneous miscarriage. These medical procedures often require the use of the same procedure room as that used to perform abortions, as many clinics only have one room for surgical procedures. If the language of the rule requiring that procedure rooms are maintained exclusively for abortion procedures remains, some clinics would be forced either to discontinue providing other gynecological services, or to build a second procedure room at a significant, and medically unnecessary, cost.

The ACLU-NC believes that this problem is likely an oversight and can be easily fixed. As currently written, the section of the rule reads, "The operating room shall be maintained exclusively for surgical procedures . . . ."[2] This problem could easily be avoided by amending the language to read "The procedure room shall be maintained exclusively for surgical procedures . . . ." instead of the current proposed change. The ACLU-NC would respectfully ask the Department to make this change to the proposed rules before moving forward.

The ACLU-NC fully agrees that abortion providers should be prepared to respond to emergency situations. We believe that the proposed rules strike the right balance for emergency response. The reality is that abortion is an incredibly safe procedure with a complication rate of less than one percent. In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute less than 0.05% of abortions result in complications requiring hospital care.[3] Moreover, regardless of whether a transfer agreement is in place, hospitals are required by federal law to provide stabilizing treatment or transfer when a patient presents with an emergency medical condition.[4] As such, in the rare instance that a woman does experience a complication, transferring the patient to a hospital is already the standard of care. By permitting a clinic to comply with 10A NCAC 14E .0310 with a written transfer plan, adequate personnel and equipment to handle medical emergencies on site, and a transfer agreement or documentation of the clinic's efforts to establish such an agreement, the Department has balanced protecting patient health with protecting against politically-motivated and unnecessary clinic closures.

We can all agree that patient safety is the paramount concern when drafting any regulations related to health care services. We can also agree that women need access to a wide range of reproductive health care services. By consulting with doctors who provide various reproductive health care services to women across the state and avoiding unnecessary and burdensome requirements that would not improve safety, the Department has demonstrated that its priority is the patients that need access to certified abortion providers, as well as the other services provided by these clinics. The ACLU-NC believes that, in the main, the Department has proposed rules that will protect patient safety without needlessly causing clinic closures and blocking a woman's access to care. While we urge the Department to change the proposed amendment to 10A NCAC 14E .0311 as set forth above before doing so, we would urge the Department to adopt these rules and applaud the

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[2] 10A NCAC 14E .0311.

[3] *Induced Abortion in the United States*, Guttmacher Institute, July, 2014, available at http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html.

[4] 42 U.S.C. § 1395dd.

Department's efforts to keep patient safety its priority.

Best regards,

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 19, 2014
10:00 A.M.

Staff Present:

1. Drexdal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation
2. Nadine Pfeiffer, Rule-making Coordinator, Division of Health Service Regulation
3. Azzie Conley, Chief, Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, Division of Health Service Regulation
4. Cheryl Ouimet, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Health Service Regulation
5. Patricia Christian, Assistant Director for Healthcare Quality and Safety, Division of Health Service Regulation
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7. Kevin Howell, Legal Communications Coordinator, Office of Communications
8. Dan Guy, Communications Project Manager, Office of Communications
9. Olivia James, Press Assistant, Office of Communications

Others Present:

See the attached sign-in sheet for attendance.

1. Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing was to solicit verbal and /or written comments from the public on the proposed amendment and adoption of rules in Chapter 10A NCAC 14E, Certifications of Clinics for Abortion, as published in the NC Register, Volume 29 Issue 11, issued on December 1, 2014 for these rules as listed: 10A NCAC 14E .0101, .0104, .0109, .0111, .0201, .0202, .0206, .0207, .0302 - .0311, .0313, and .0315.

2. Hearing Summary

The public hearing was opened by Drexdal Pratt at 9:00 a.m. A total of fourteen speakers spoke at the hearing. A summary of these comments is as follows:

1) Deborah Walsh, Executive Director, Family Reproductive Health, Charlotte NC, stated that she was a part of the work group that reviewed and developed the rule changes. She spoke on the diversity of the work group and how they worked together to provide the regulations based on medical reasons to ensure the well-being of patients seeking these services.

2) Dr. David Grimes, a board certified OB-GYN physician, previous CDC Abortion Chief and WHO Abortion Chairman, urged the adoption of the proposed rules because they were evidence-based and stated that the scientific process by which the rules were developed must not be degraded by special interest groups with no relevant medical expertise.

3) Dr. Gretchen Stuart, Medical Director, Planned Parenthood of NC, stated that abortion is extremely safe and that abortion has a complication rate of less than 1 percent. She also stated that abortion is very common and that one in three women will have an abortion by the time she is 45. She also stated that safety and excellent care is top priority, and that access to safe and legal abortion is vital for her patient's safety and well-being. She requested that the final regulations remain free of legislative interference in medical practice.

4) Dr. Amy Bryant, a board certified OB-GYN physician, NARAL Pro Choice, stated that one in three women will have an abortion. She stated that when the government regulates abortion it is critical that the regulation preserve access and policy makers should never impose regulations on women to stop abortion. She stated that the regulations should be grounded on medical reasons.

5) Dr. Dalia Brahmi, OB-GYN physician, Chapel Hill, stated that abortion is safe and very common, and also stated that one in three women will have an abortion in their lifetime. She stated that every woman is unique and every situation is different, and that we all have to make health decisions we never expected to make. She shared a story about a patient and her decision to have an abortion, and she also stated that what is most important to her is that her patients have the ability to make their own personal medical decisions that are best for their health and well-being. She said medical doctors will always support regulation for patient's safety.

6) Dr. Marcela Smid, OB-GYN Physician, Chapel Hill, who specifically takes care of patients with high risk pregnancies. She stated that as a physician her first priority is the safety of her patients and stated studies show abortion extremely safe with a complication rate of less than 1 percent. She shared a story about a patient who had to terminate her pregnancy due to complications with her pregnancy. She stated that her patients deserved safe and compassionate care. She urged DHHS to reject any medically unnecessary regulations that are designed to restrict safe abortion care because adding unnecessary regulations that are not medically necessary could have dangerous effects to the safety of patients by delaying services or closing clinics.

7) Heather Shumaker, State Policy Director, National Abortion Federation (NAF), stated while additional regulations are unnecessary she commended DHHS on the process based on medicine and science. She said abortion care was one of the safest types of procedures. She stated that she hopes the process does not become politicized and would continue to use evidence-based input from the medical community throughout the process.

8) Suzanne Buckley, Executive Director, NARAL Pro Choice stated that reproductive health care decisions should be made by the patients and their doctors and not the politicians of North Carolina. She further stated that at NARAL Pro Choice, patients' health comes first. Senate Bill 353, which created the law requiring these rule changes, was enacted with a single goal and that was to prevent women from having safe and legal abortions in North Carolina. These laws have been enacted in

many states across the country, and the enactment of these laws has caused many safe abortion facilities to close their doors and affected patient care and safety in those states. She stated that abortion care is one of the safest types of medical care sought in this country. She stated that there is no medical basis or need for the changing of these rules required by this law. She recognized the department engaged in a thoughtful, reasonable process by consulting with experts to ensure safe abortion care. She stated, in general, the regulations were based on sound medicine and science. She, and the thousands she represents, request that DHHS only make rule changes that ensure medical standards recommended by medical experts.

9) Sarah Preston, Policy Director, ACLU, noted that her organization was dedicated to protecting the safety and health care of patients, including abortion. She said that during the legislative debate both Secretary Wos and Governor McCrory stated any new rules should be based on patient safety. She said the rule changes focused on the well-being of patients and hoped that the Department's focus would remain on safety and not politics.

10) Nancy Curtis, retired Lutheran Pastor and attorney, Asheville NC, stated women's health was regulated on evidence-based information. She urged DHHS to make every effort to make least restrictive regulations and only consider medical based information for the safety of North Carolina women.

11) Kelsea McLain gave a testimony about her personal experience with abortion, stating that she was glad that she was able to make her own decision on medical care and the decision was not based on political considerations. She stated the rules were medical-based. She urged DHHS not to make rule changes that did not make sense.

12) Wendy Banister, Executive Director, Gateway Women, stated that 60 percent of their clients with abortions have reported emotional difficulty and regret, while only 34 percent of their patients reported that abortion was a good decision for them. She gave an overview of situations with patients at Gateway. She felt that the standards fall short and we should be requiring the very best for women's health in North Carolina.

13) Tammy Fitzgerald, NC Values Coalition spoke in opposition of the rules stating rules are important for health and safety for women seeking abortions. She said that the timing of the rules coming out the week before Christmas was a ploy to deceive the public and to sweep the changes under the rug. She stated the process was biased because the group that came up with the proposals only included one person with an anti-abortion viewpoint. She said the resulting proposals are inadequate to protect women. She stated the rules did not include requirements from the model rules by NAF. She gave an overview of specific problems with the rules, which included:

- No requirement for an anesthesiologist or CRNA to administer anesthesia;
- No requirement for the abortion doctor to be an OB-GYN board-certified physician;
- Certification lacking on licensing procedures;
- No agreement or relationship for second OB-GYN physician in case of emergency;
- No requirement for annual inspections, they are only allowed;
- Post-op discharge are lacking, there is no follow-up exam required;
- One-hour observation post procedure has been removed;
- Eliminated requirement for examination of products of conception to ensure complete abortion;
- No requirement for hospital admitting privileges for physicians;

- Transfer agreement is neutered, as long as they attempt to get one they have satisfied the requirement;
- No minimum number of nurses at clinics;
- Allow minors to work at clinic;
- No requirements for materials to be clean, sterile and in good working order;
- No requirement for prior physical exam;
- Reporting requirements are lacking and there are no penalties for violations.

She stated there is a need for penalties to have teeth in the rules. She also stated that minimum standards for safety are ethical and logical, and these rules fall short.

14) Jere Royall, Counsel, NC Family Policy Council, stated that the Council is appreciative of the proposed rule changes, which are the first in almost 20 years. However, the proposed rule changes fail to address some critical issues that NCFPC thinks are vital to women's health and safety. He stated that a primary need is for the rules to require annual inspections of abortion clinics for the safety and well-being of the patients.

These comments will be taken into consideration by the Agency. The hearing was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Public Comment Regarding Proposed Rule 10A NCAC 14E

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer,

As an organization dedicated to protecting the constitutional right of women to access complete reproductive health care, including safe and legal abortion, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina ("ACLU-NC") submits these comments supporting the proposed amendments to 10A NCAC 14E ("proposed rules"), with one exception. The ACLU-NC has watched the development and issuance of these draft rules with great interest. We were pleased to learn that the Department of Health and Human Services had sought input from medical providers and to see proposed rules based in a desire to provide safe health care, not reduce access for women to complete health care services including abortion. We would therefore urge the Department to adopt these rules, with one suggested amendment to the wording of 10A NCAC 14E.0311(a).

We can all agree health care services should be regulated to make sure they are safe for patients and that women must have access to safe health care services. In fact, during the legislative debate over SB 695 - a predecessor to Session Law 2013-366 that also directed the amendment of 10A NCAC 14E - in 2013, Secretary Wos and Governor McCrory both indicated that the focus of any amendment to the rules should be on patient safety.[1] It is therefore important that health care providers were consulted in the development of these rules and that the Department has avoided politicizing what is, in essence, a change to health care regulations that should be decided by experts in that field, not politicians. The ACLU-NC appreciates that these changes have focused on the well-being of patients since these clinics often provide services beyond abortion, including general gynecological care. This care is vital to these clinics' patients and they should not be denied health care because of political interference with access to safe and legal abortion.

The ACLU-NC generally supports these rules and urges their adoption. However, we suggest clarifying the proposed rules found in 10A NCAC 14E .0311(a). The proposed rules would adjust the language in this section to read, "The procedure room shall be maintained exclusively for abortion procedures . . . . " However, as mentioned above abortion clinics often provide medical services beyond abortion, including colposcopy, drainage of a cyst,

[1] Matthew Burns & Laura Leslie, *DHHS chief calls for more study of abortion restrictions,* WRAL, July 9, 2013, available at http://www.wral.com/dhhs-chief-calls-for-more-study-of-abortion-restrictions/12640966/.

endometrial biopsy, and management of spontaneous miscarriage. These medical procedures often require the use of the same procedure room as that used to perform abortions, as many clinics only have one room for surgical procedures. If the language of the rule requiring that procedure rooms are maintained exclusively for abortion procedures remains, some clinics would be forced either to discontinue providing other gynecological services, or to build a second procedure room at a significant, and medically unnecessary, cost.

The ACLU-NC believes that this problem is likely an oversight and can be easily fixed. As currently written, the section of the rule reads, "The operating room shall be maintained exclusively for surgical procedures . . . ."[2] This problem could easily be avoided by amending the language to read "The procedure room shall be maintained exclusively for surgical procedures . . . ." instead of the current proposed change. The ACLU-NC would respectfully ask the Department to make this change to the proposed rules before moving forward.

The ACLU-NC fully agrees that abortion providers should be prepared to respond to emergency situations. We believe that the proposed rules strike the right balance for emergency response. The reality is that abortion is an incredibly safe procedure with a complication rate of less than one percent. In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute less than 0.05% of abortions result in complications requiring hospital care.[3] Moreover, regardless of whether a transfer agreement is in place, hospitals are required by federal law to provide stabilizing treatment or transfer when a patient presents with an emergency medical condition.[4] As such, in the rare instance that a woman does experience a complication, transferring the patient to a hospital is already the standard of care. By permitting a clinic to comply with 10A NCAC 14E .0310 with a written transfer plan, adequate personnel and equipment to handle medical emergencies on site, and a transfer agreement or documentation of the clinic's efforts to establish such an agreement, the Department has balanced protecting patient health with protecting against politically-motivated and unnecessary clinic closures.

We can all agree that patient safety is the paramount concern when drafting any regulations related to health care services. We can also agree that women need access to a wide range of reproductive health care services. By consulting with doctors who provide various reproductive health care services to women across the state and avoiding unnecessary and burdensome requirements that would not improve safety, the Department has demonstrated that its priority is the patients that need access to certified abortion providers, as well as the other services provided by these clinics. The ACLU-NC believes that, in the main, the Department has proposed rules that will protect patient safety without needlessly causing clinic closures and blocking a woman's access to care. While we urge the Department to change the proposed amendment to 10A NCAC 14E .0311 as set forth above before doing so, we would urge the Department to adopt these rules and applaud the

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[2] 10A NCAC 14E .0311.

[3] *Induced Abortion in the United States*, Guttmacher Institute, July, 2014, available at http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html.

[4] 42 U.S.C. § 1395dd.

Department's efforts to keep patient safety its priority.

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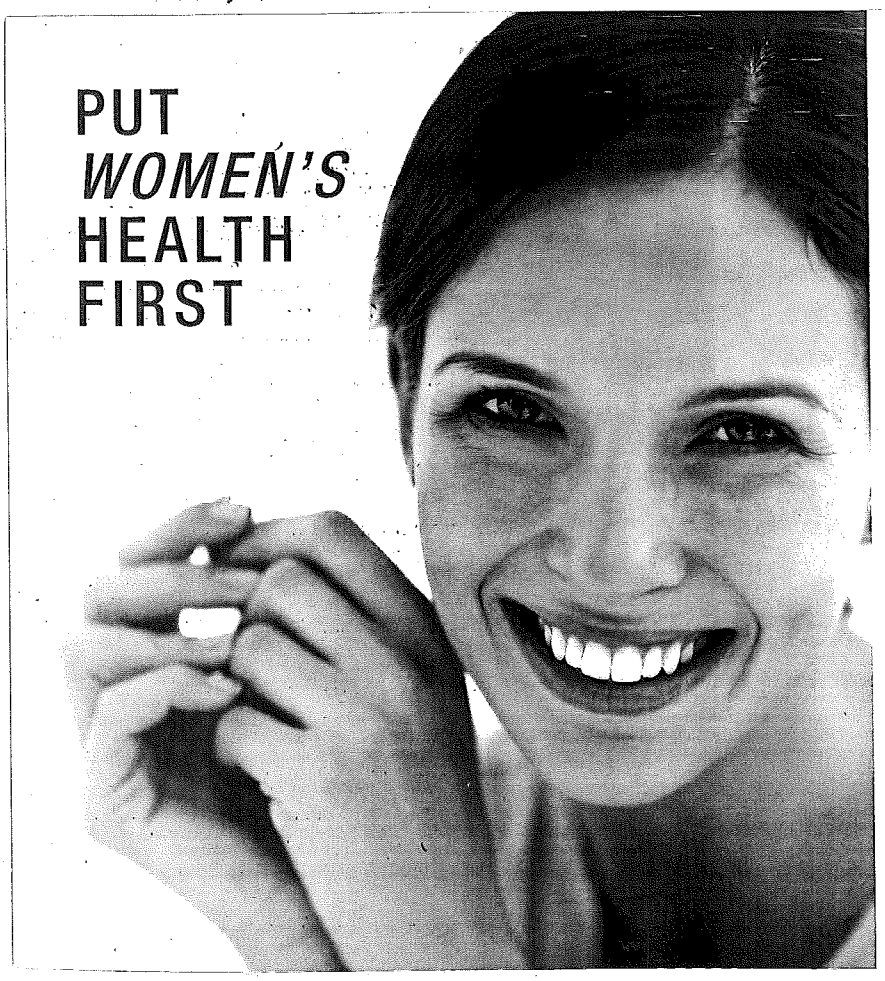

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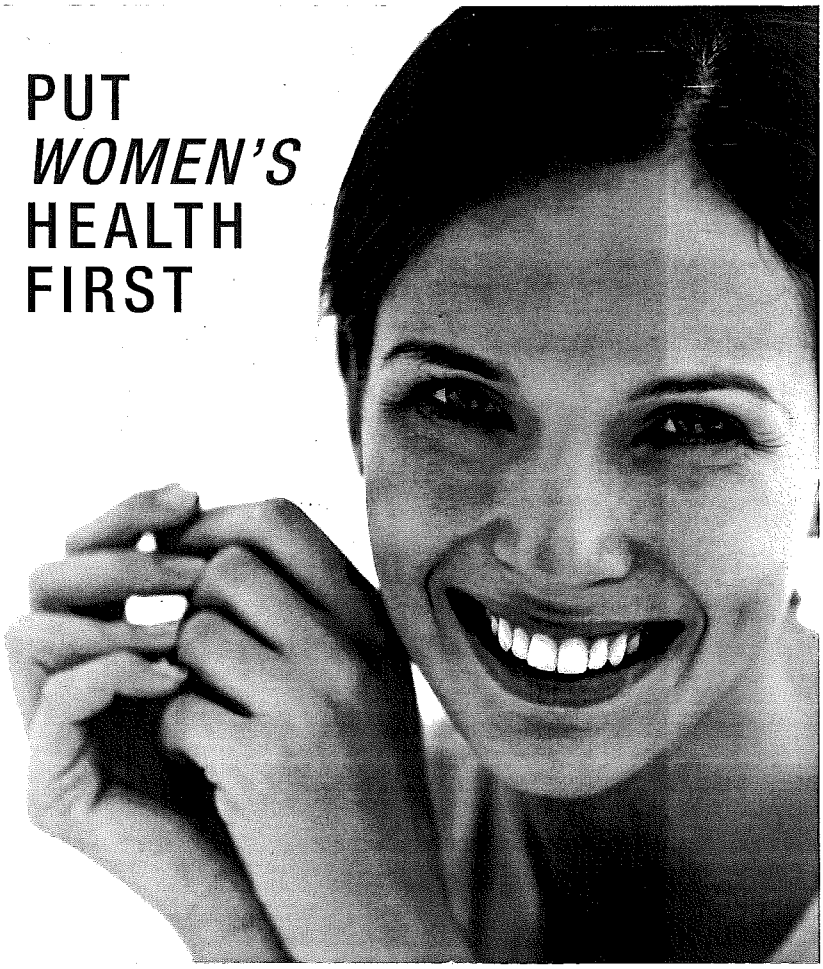

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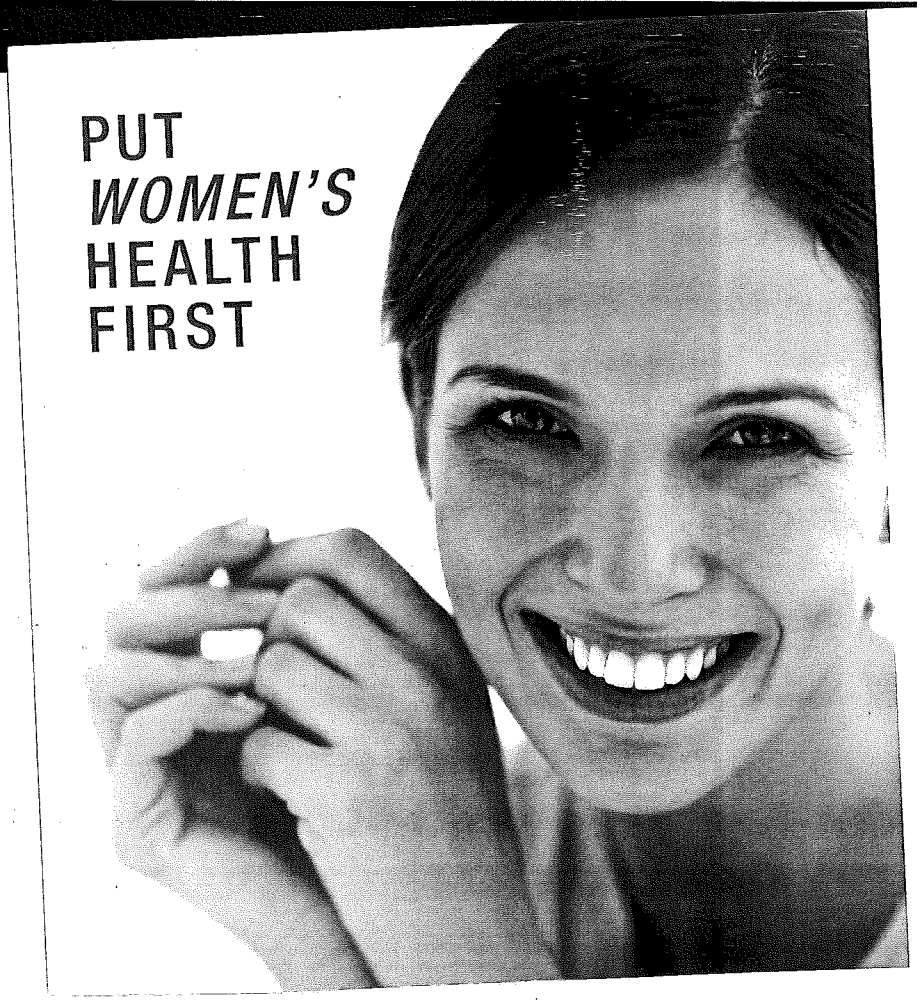

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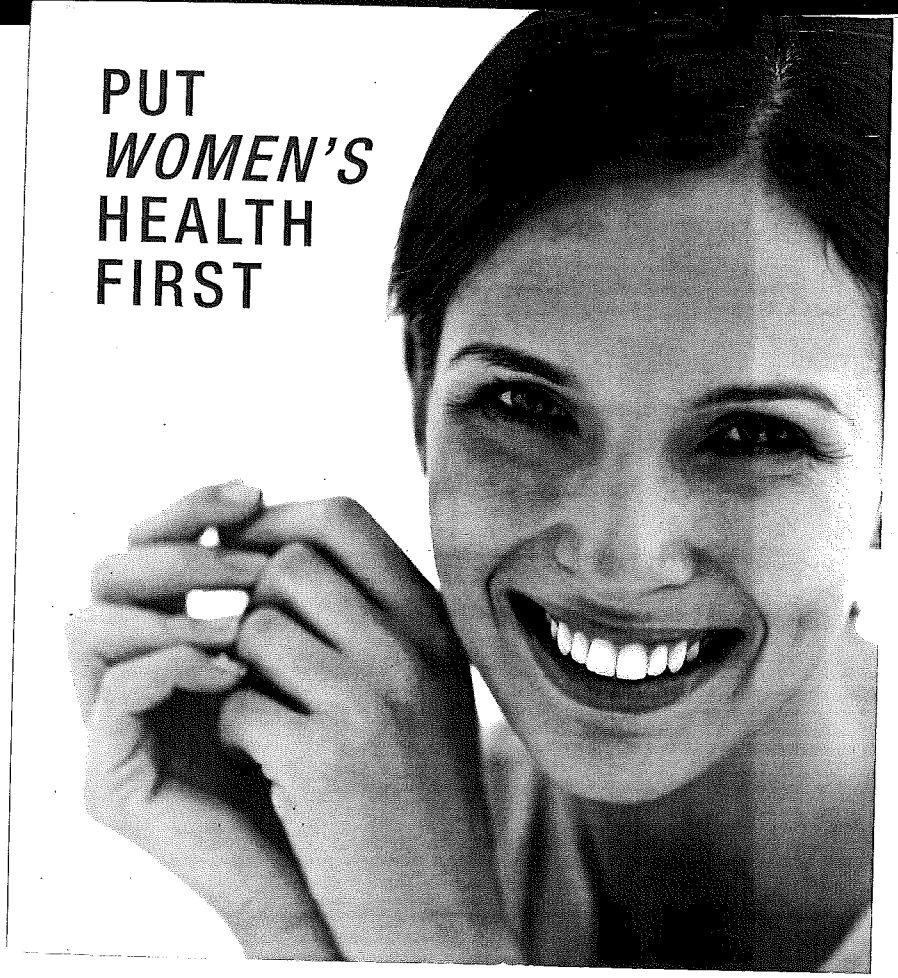

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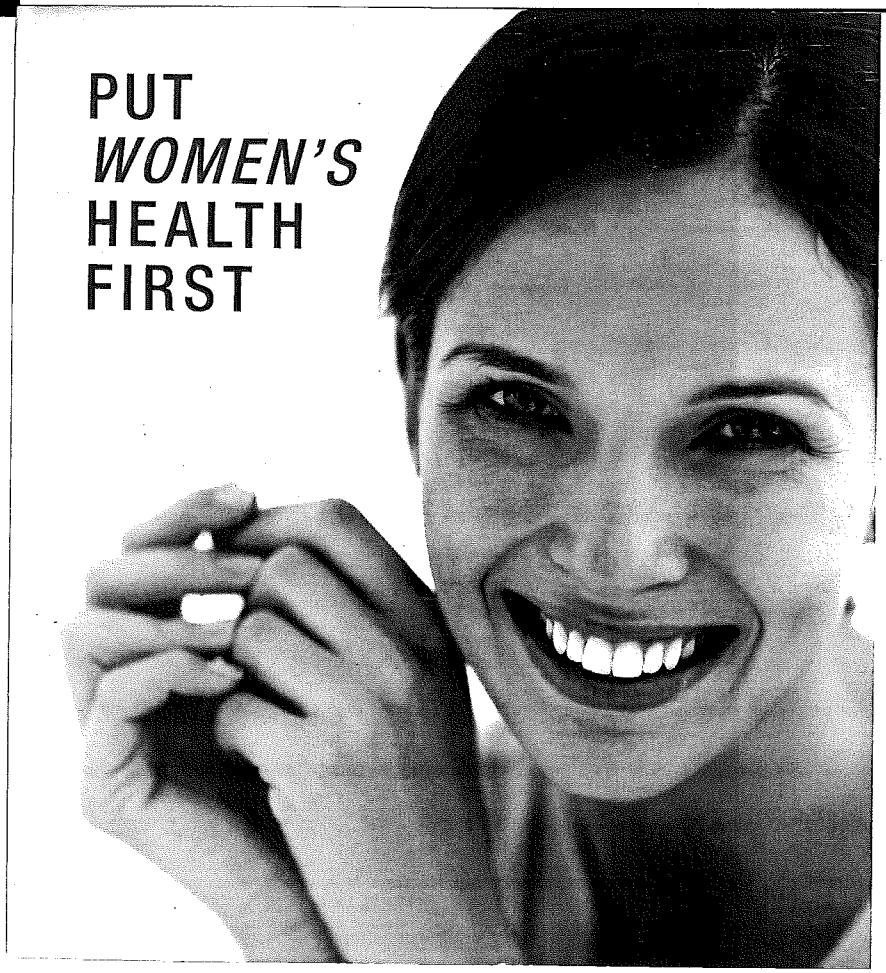

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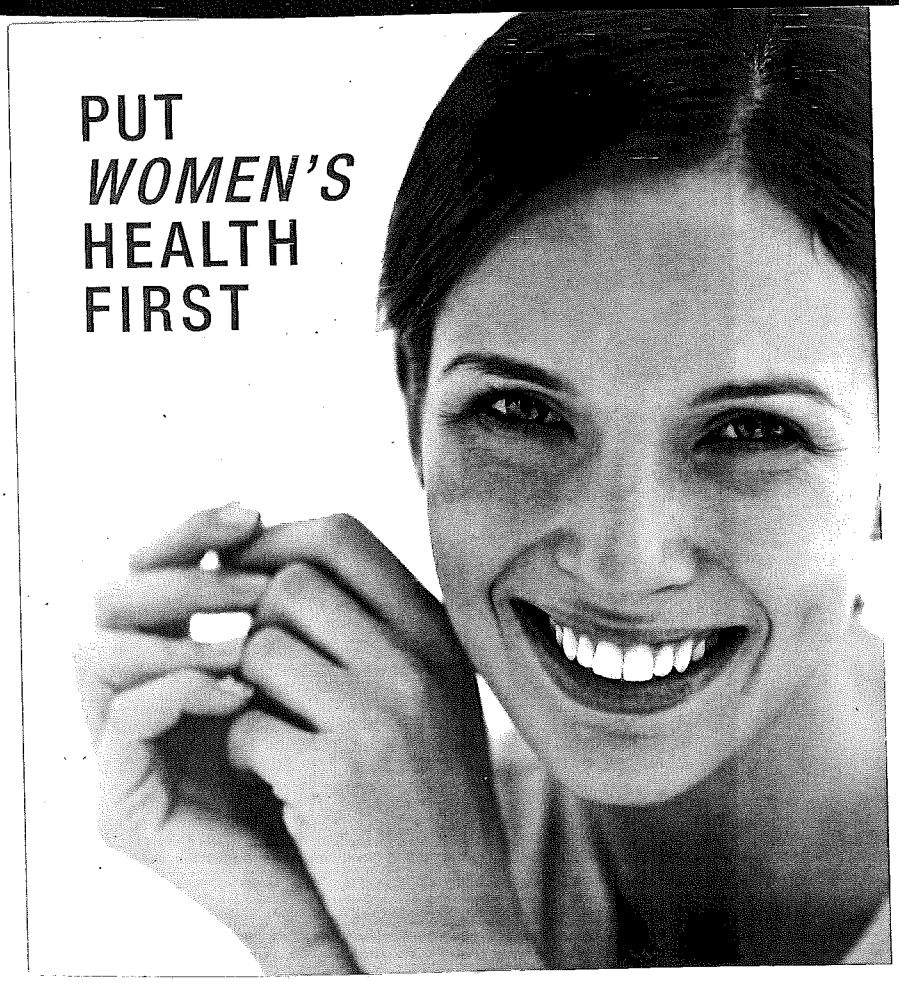

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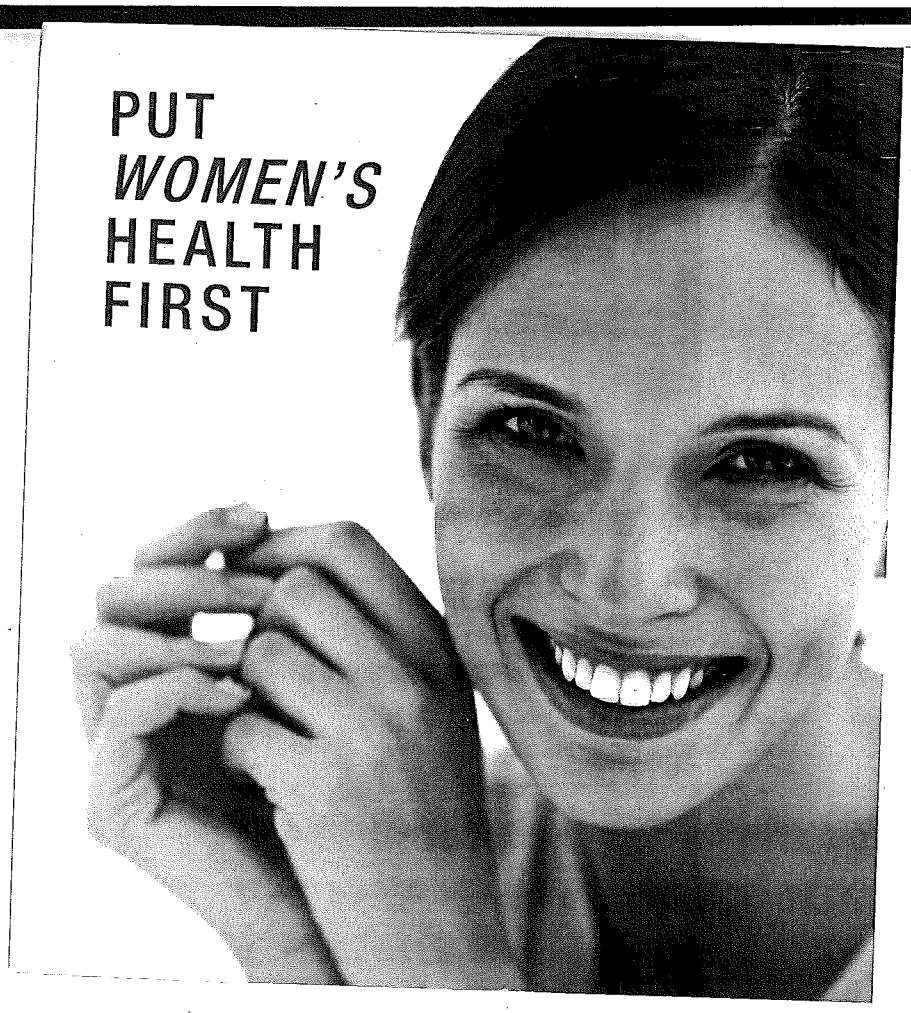

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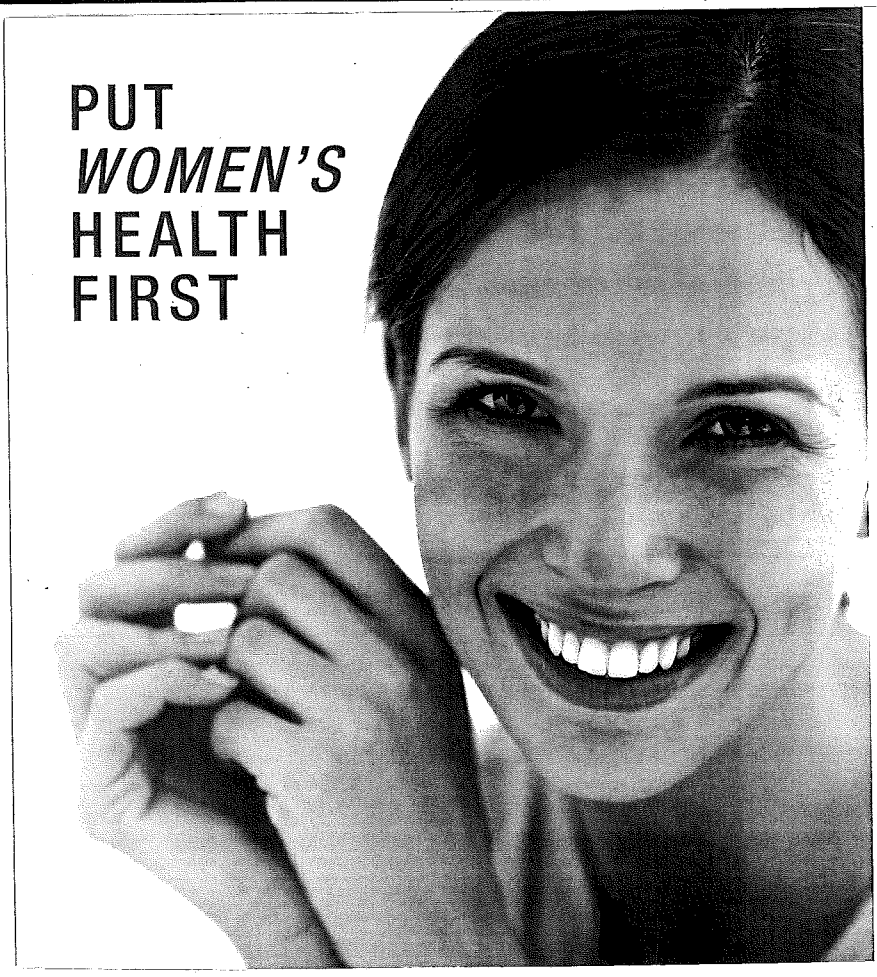

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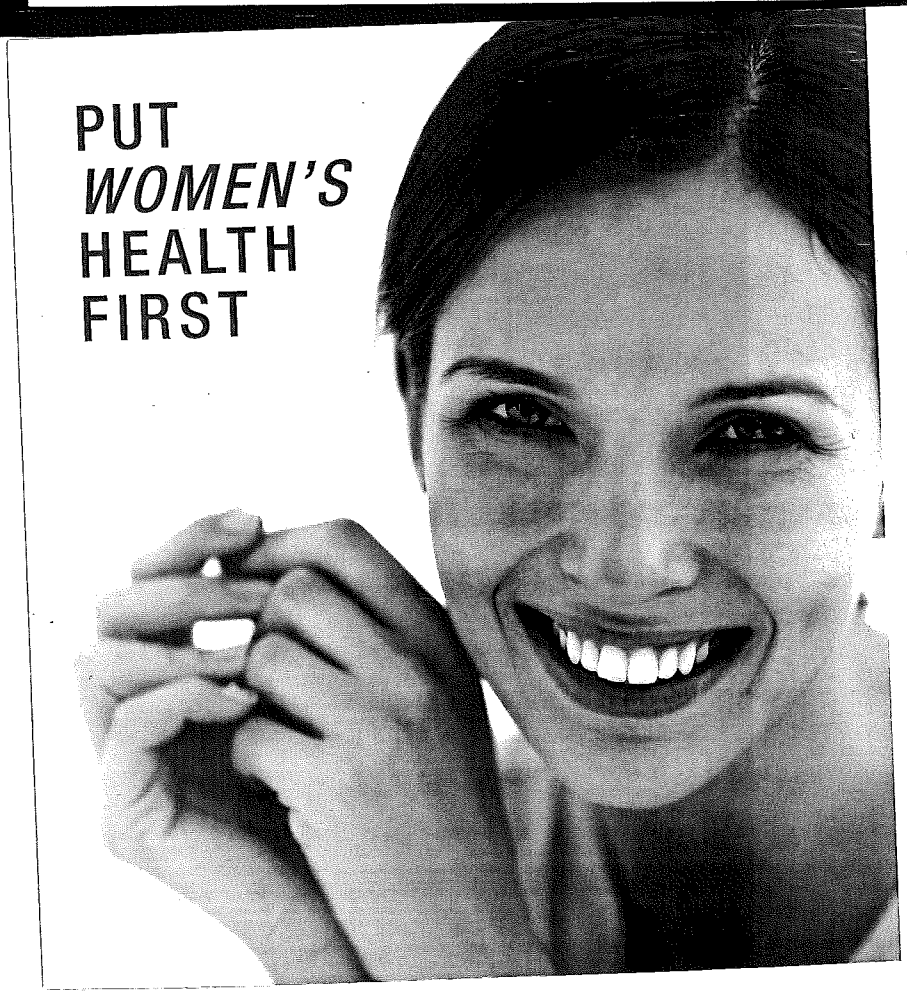

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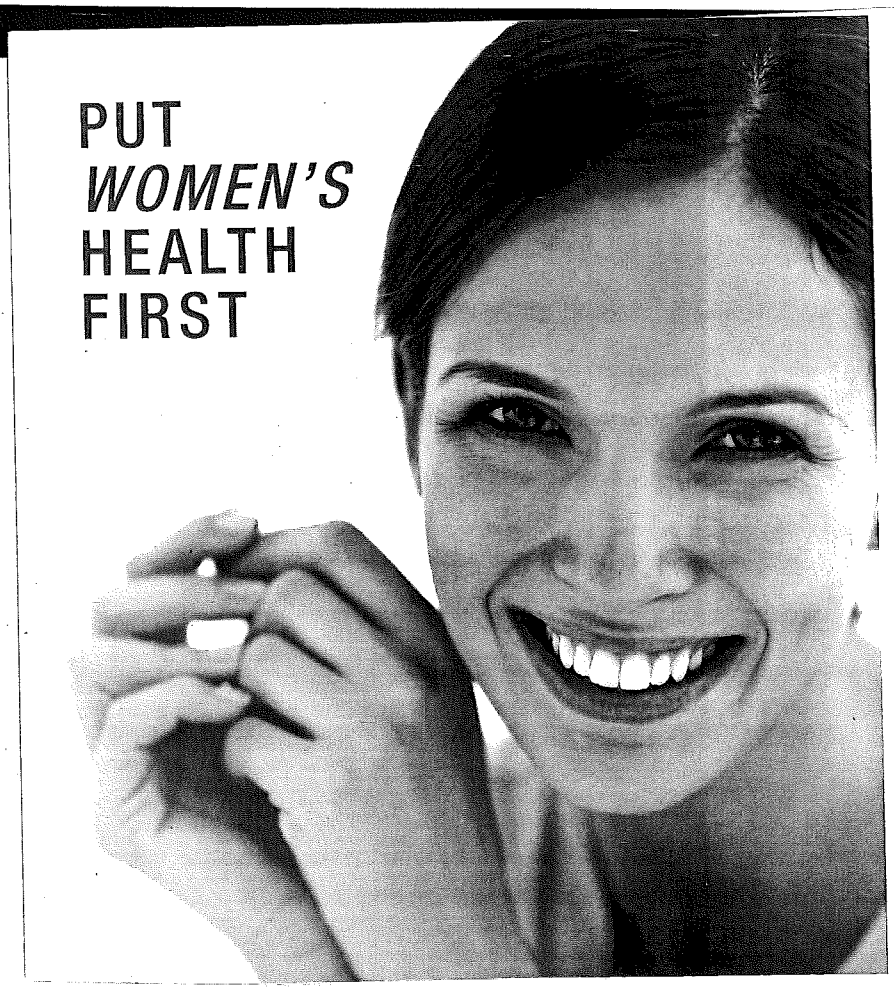

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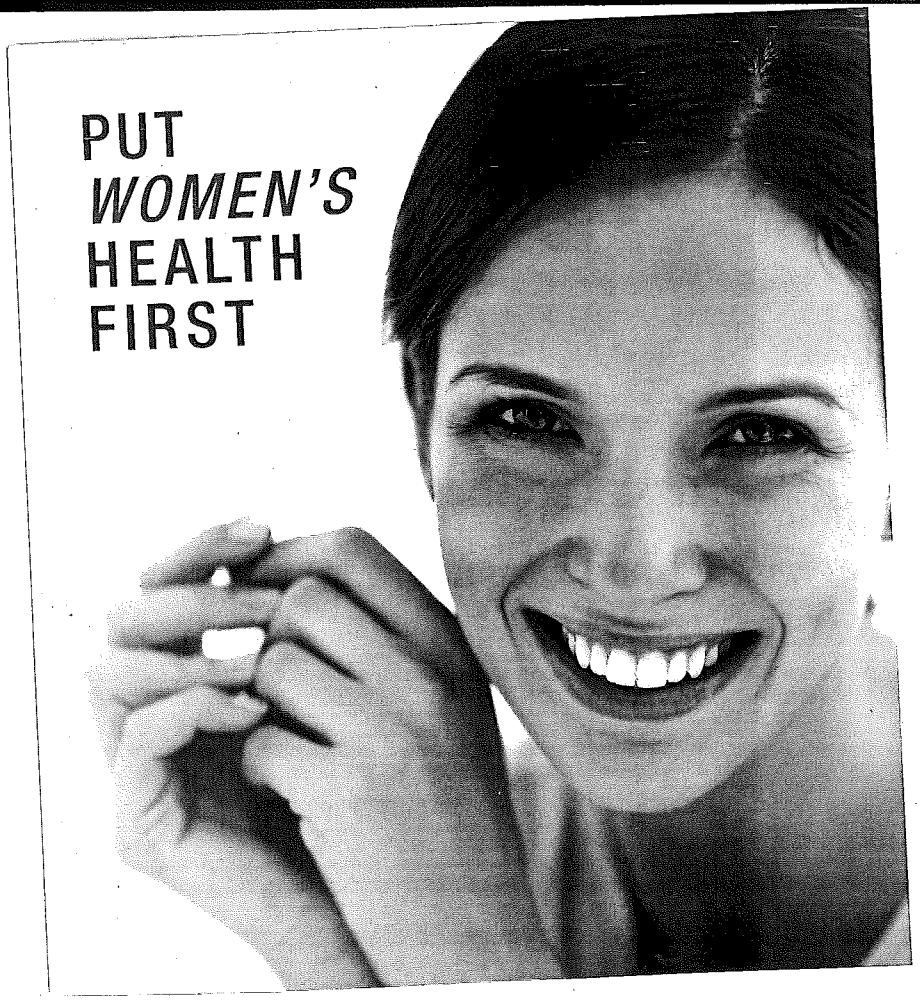

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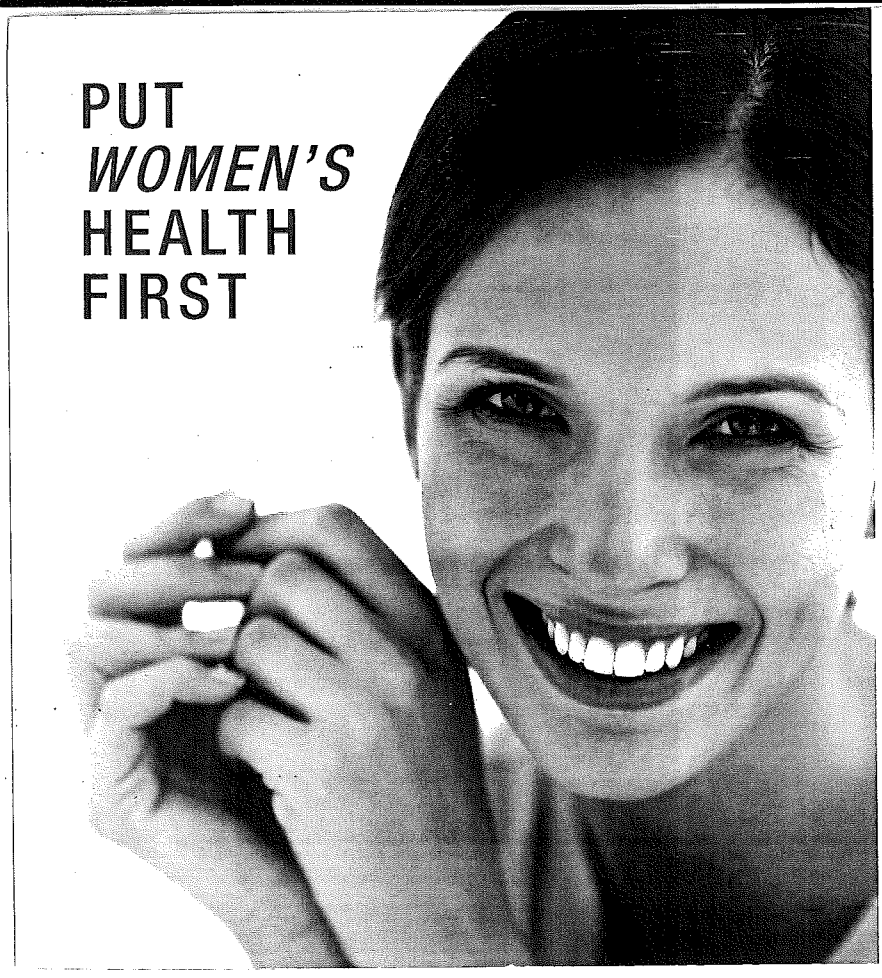

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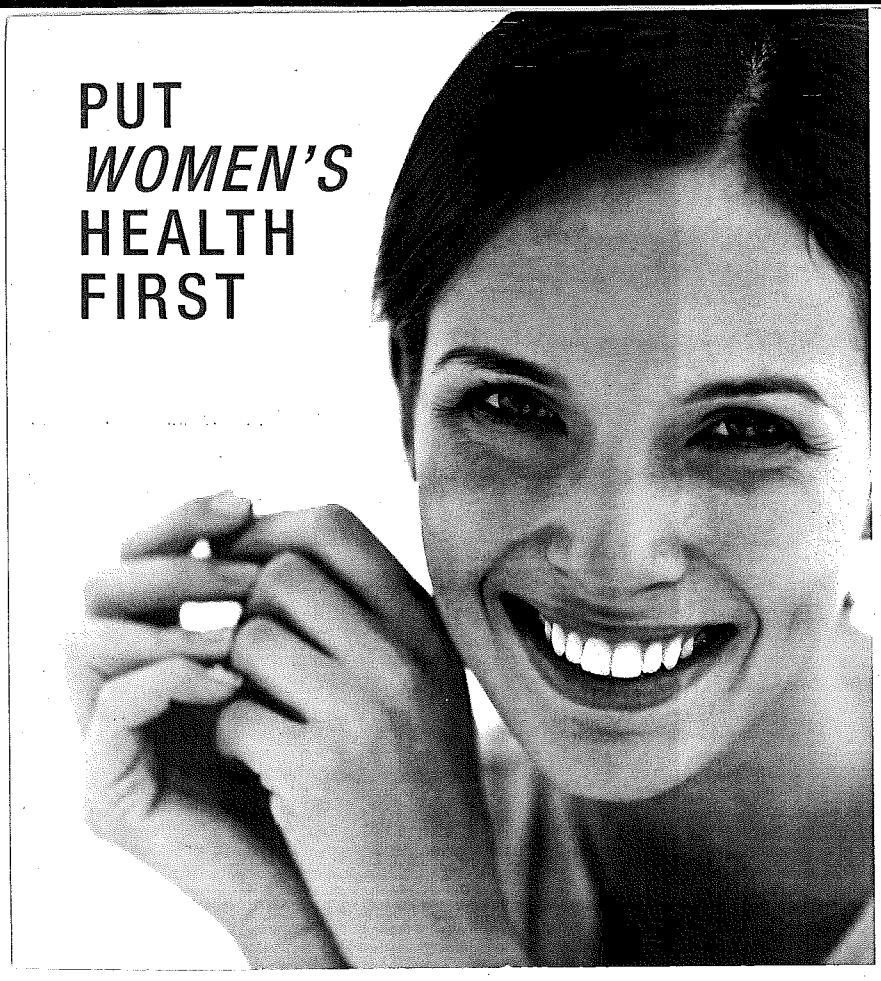

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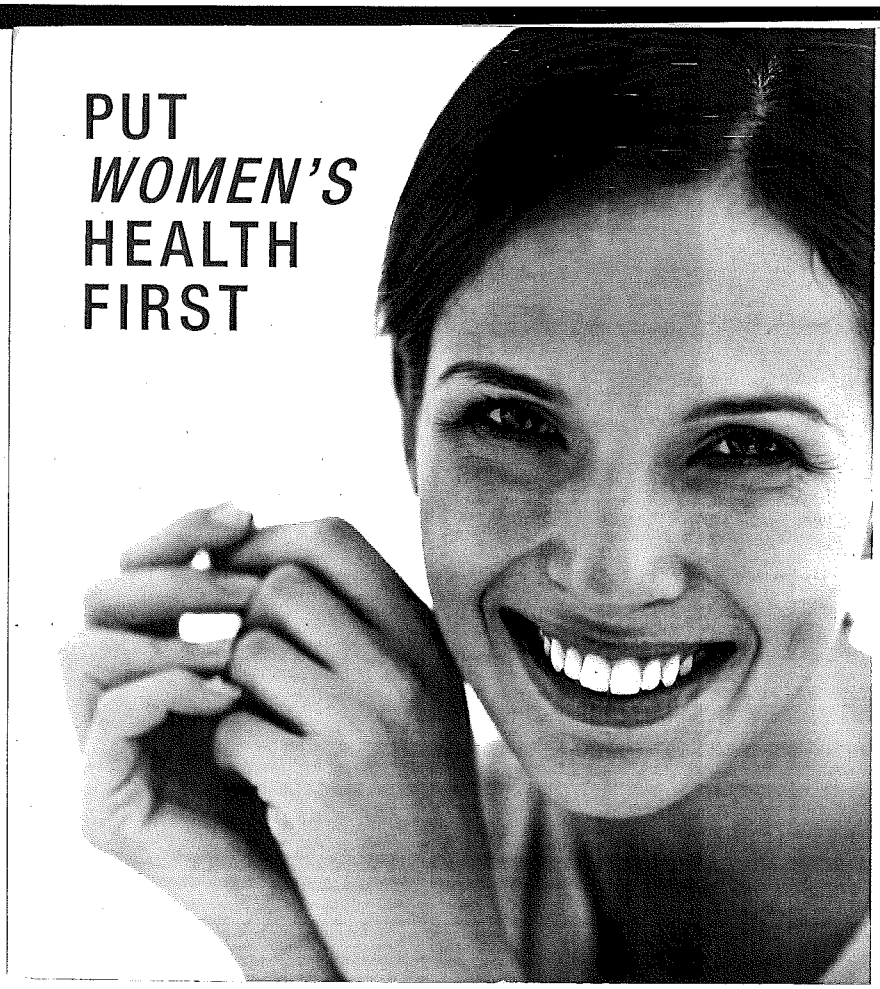

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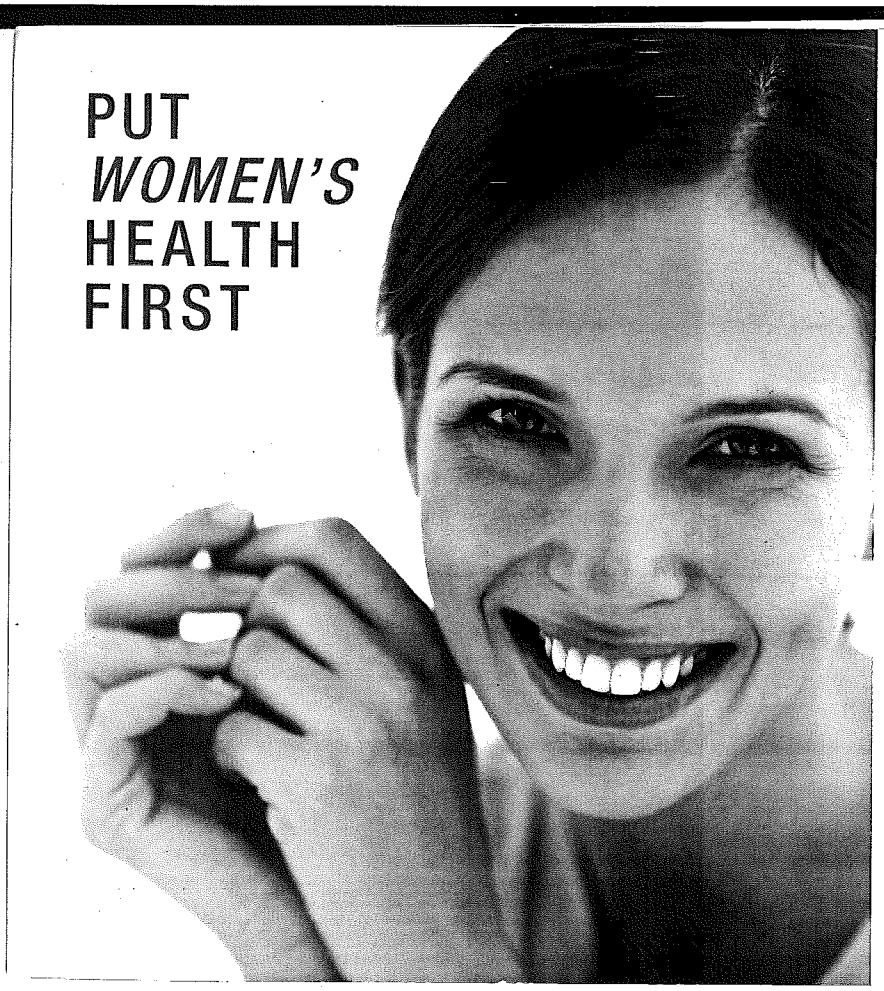

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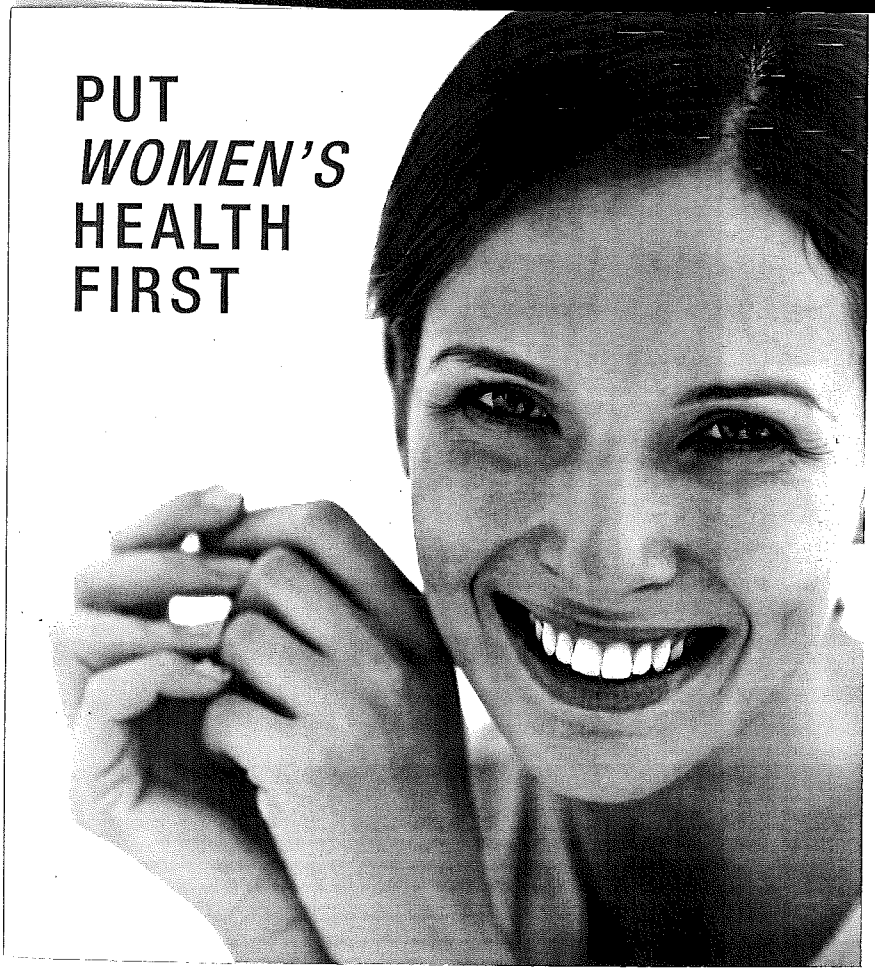

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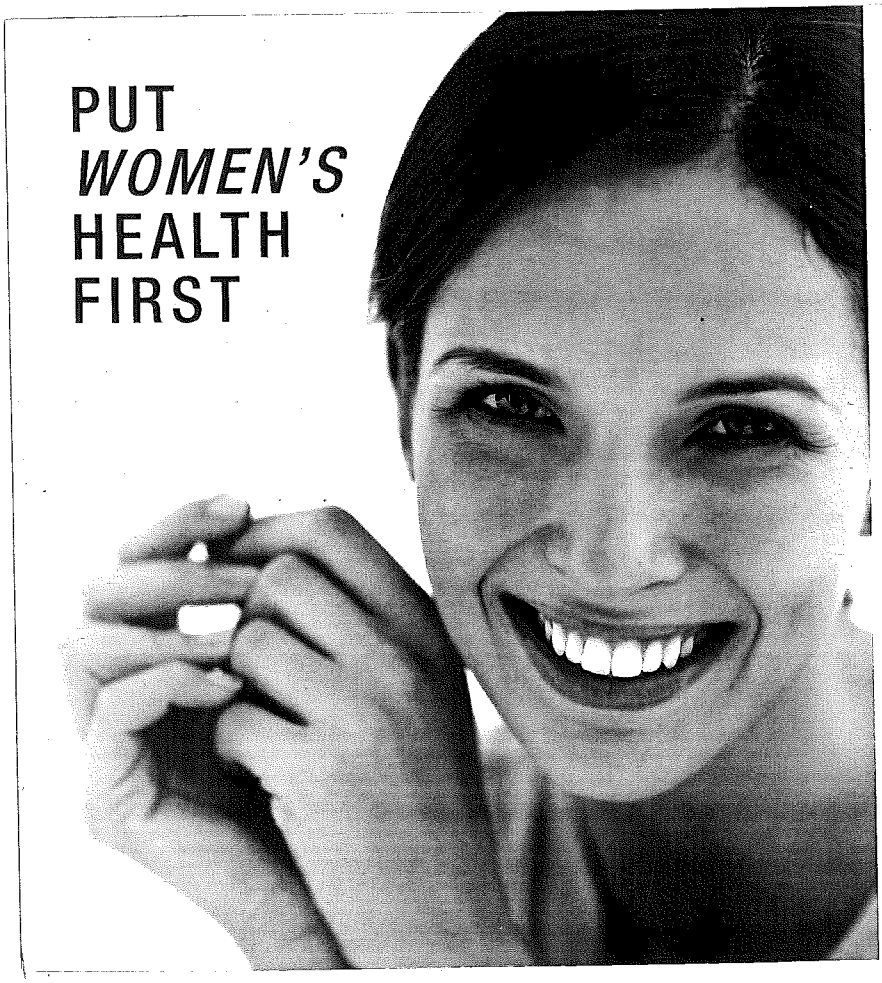

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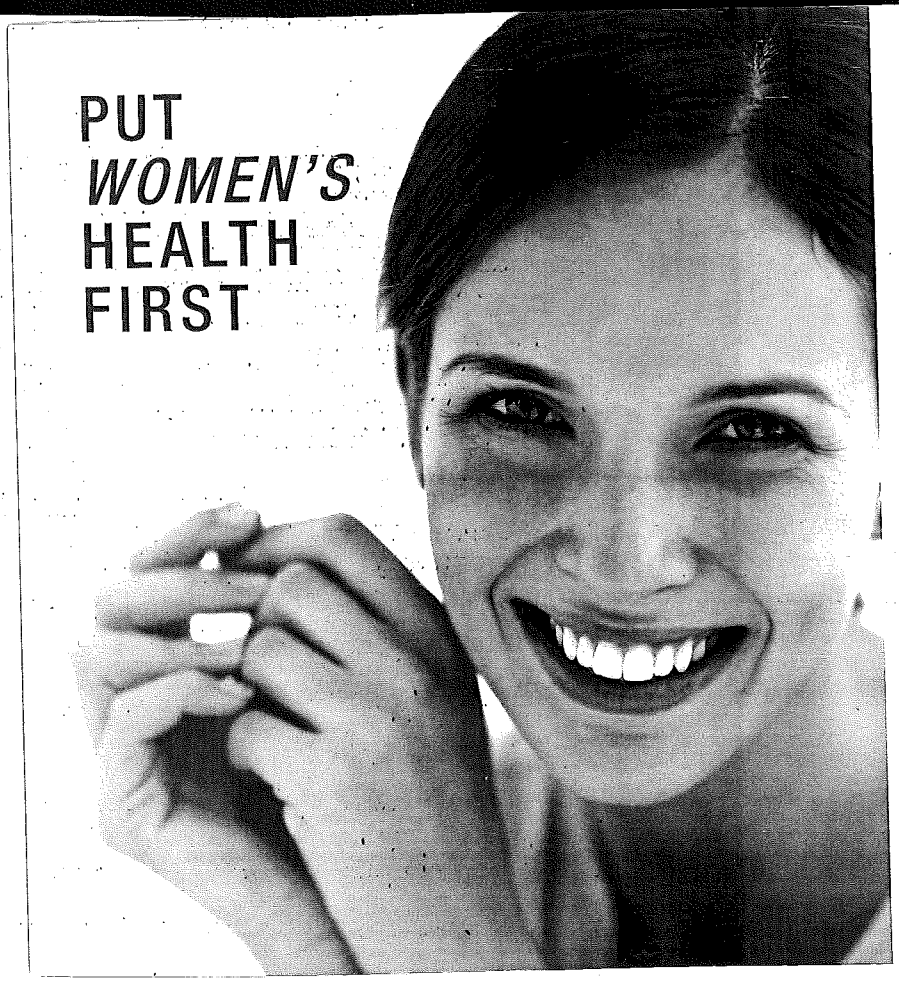

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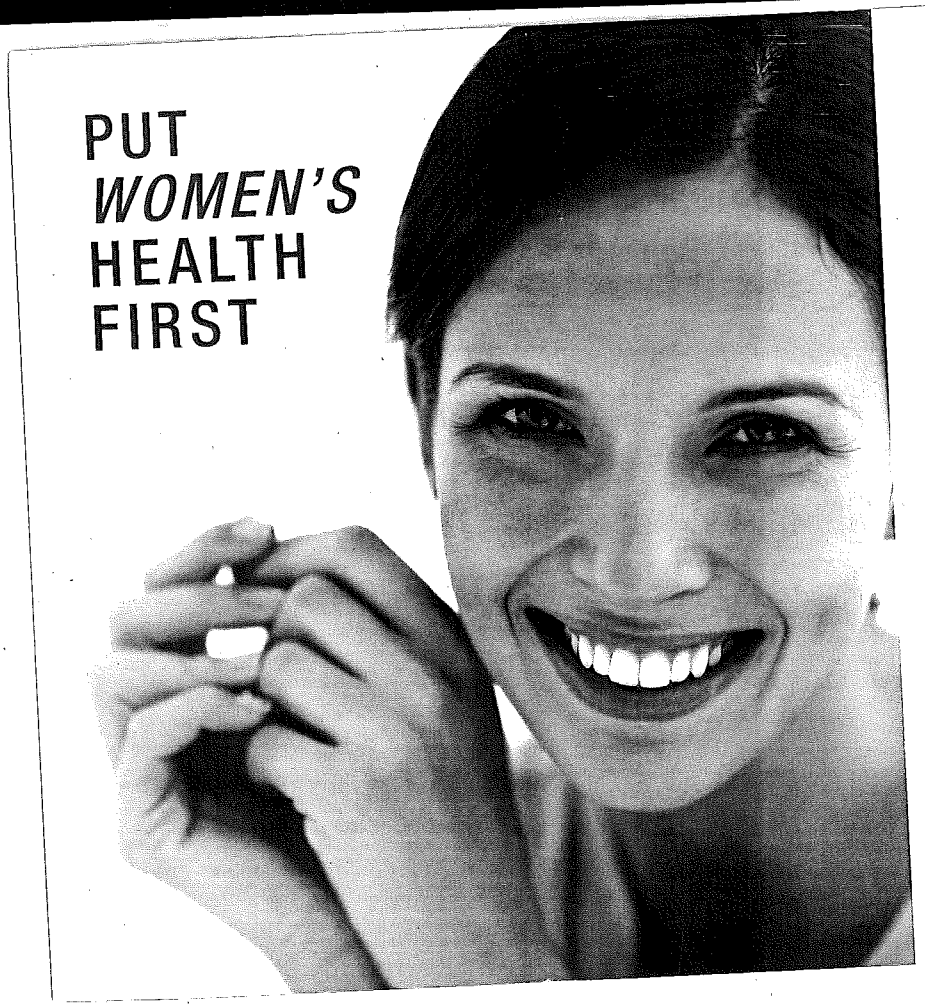

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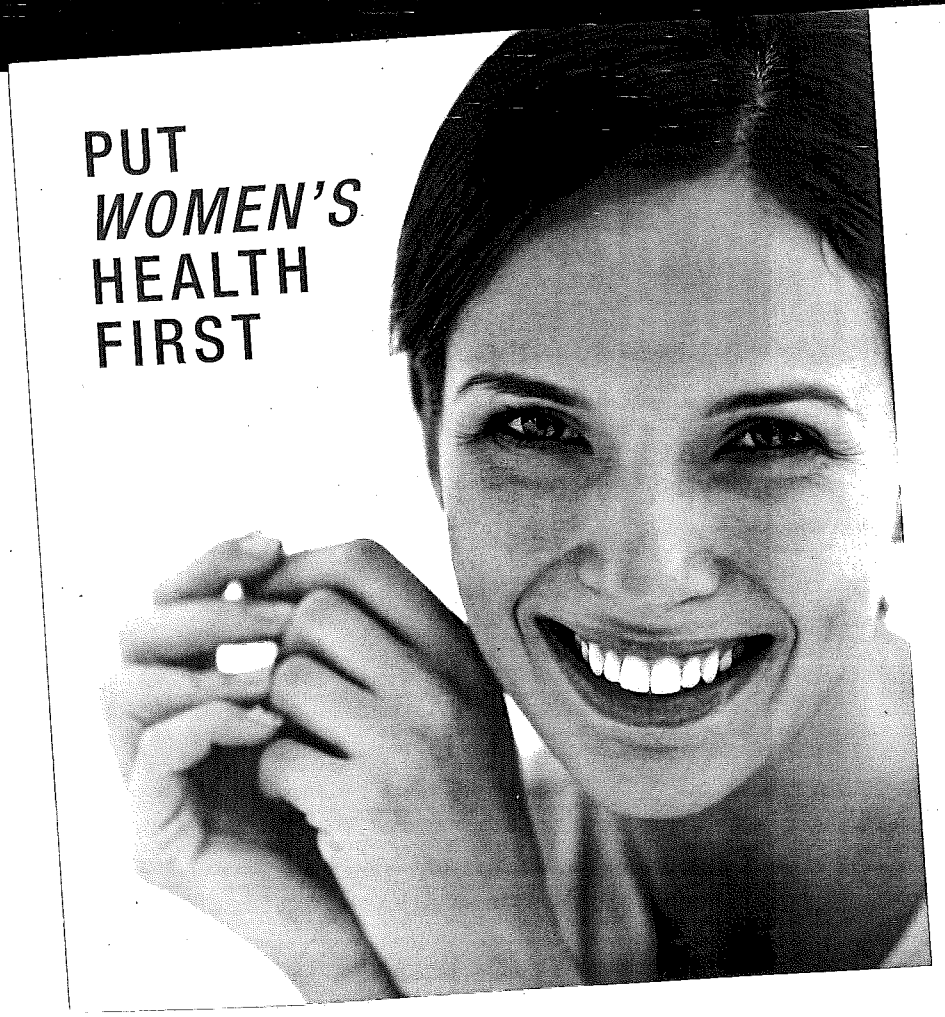

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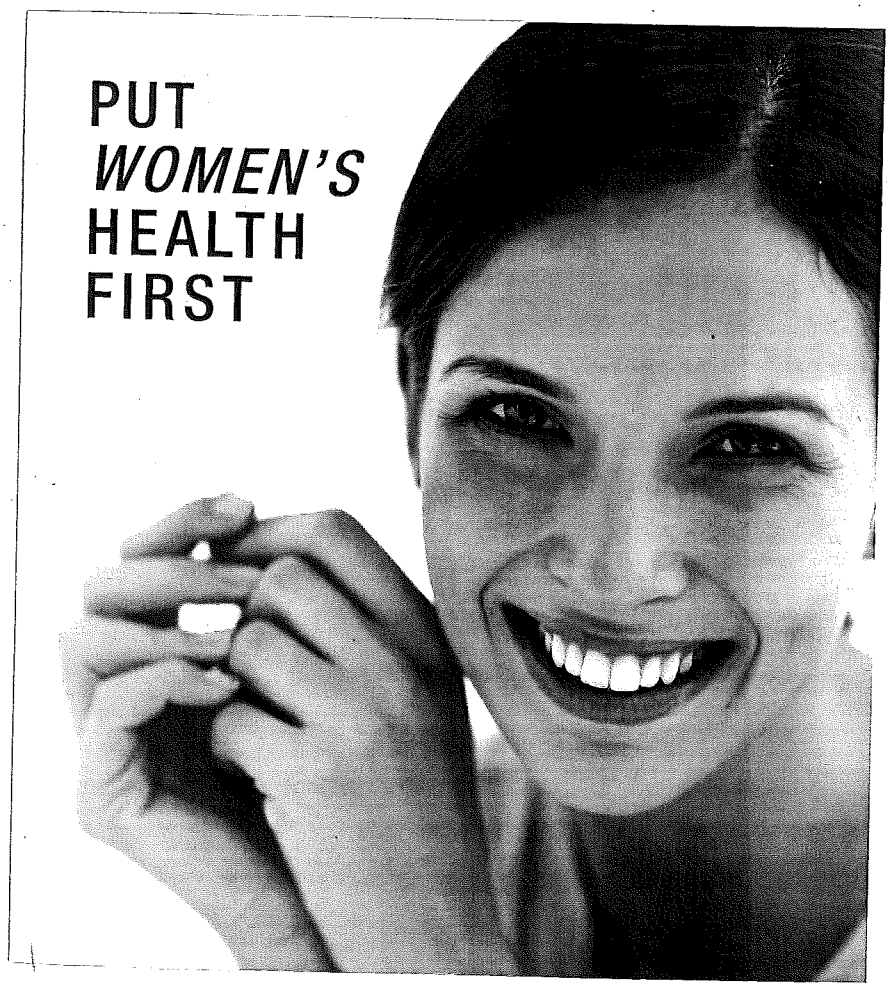

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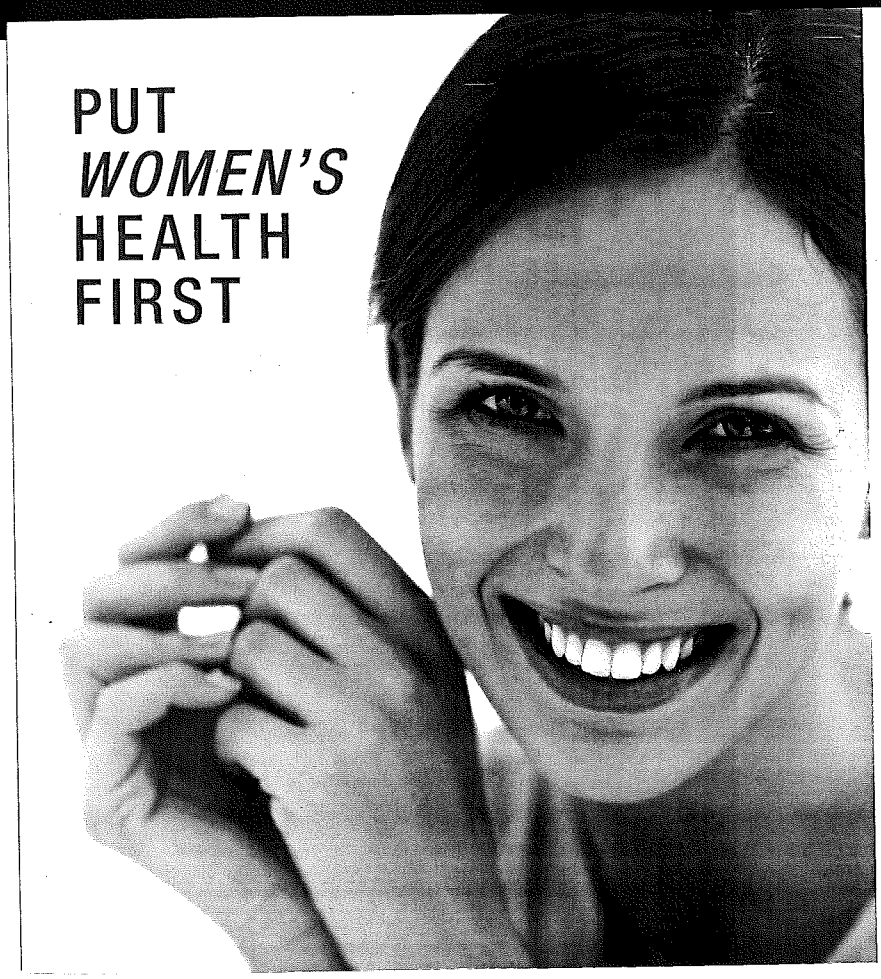

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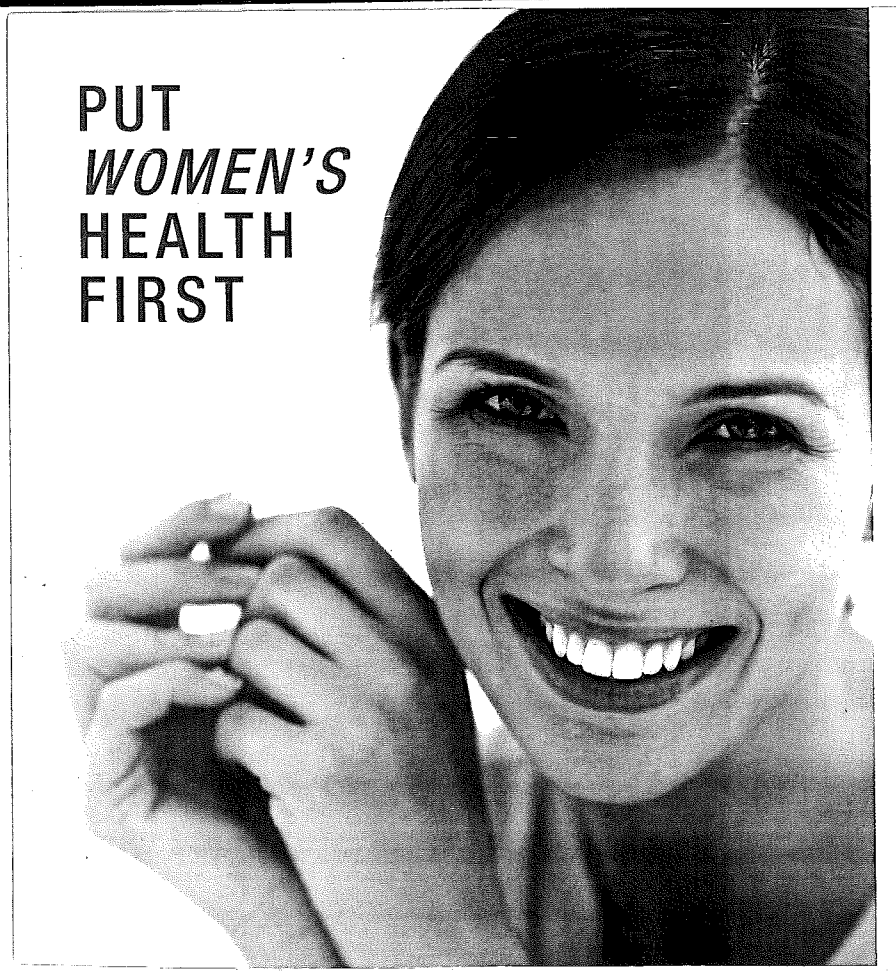

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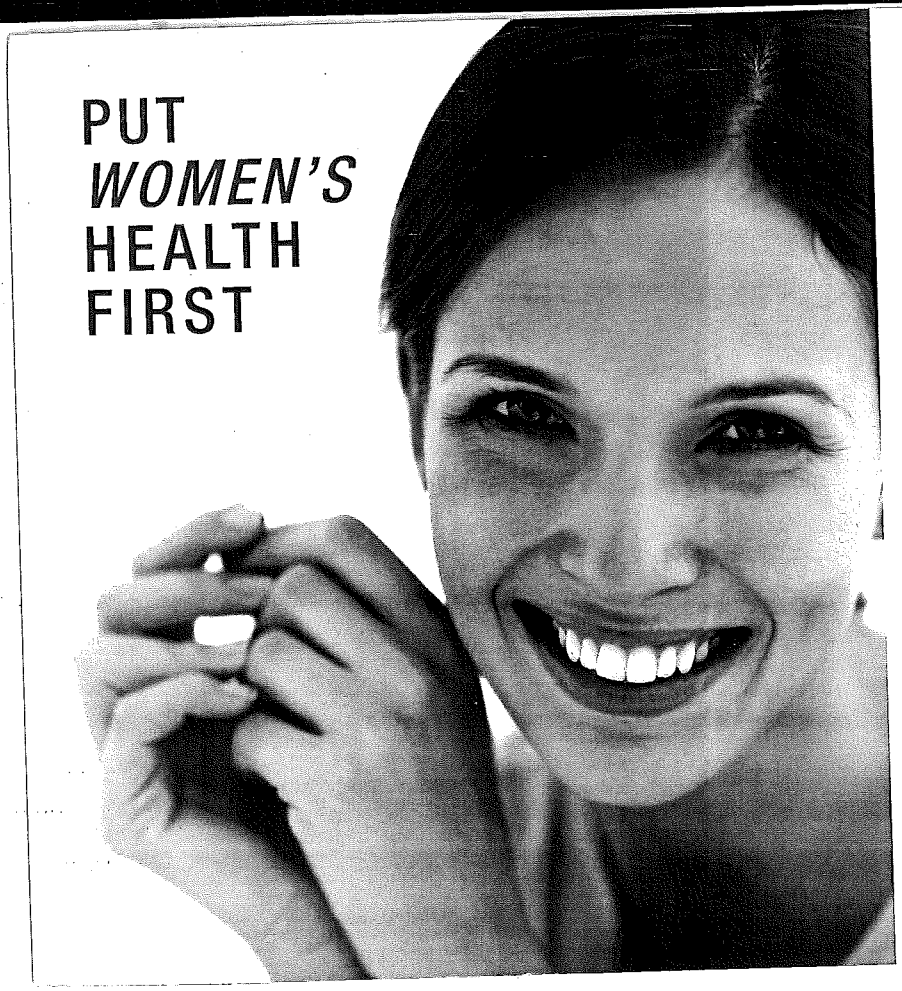

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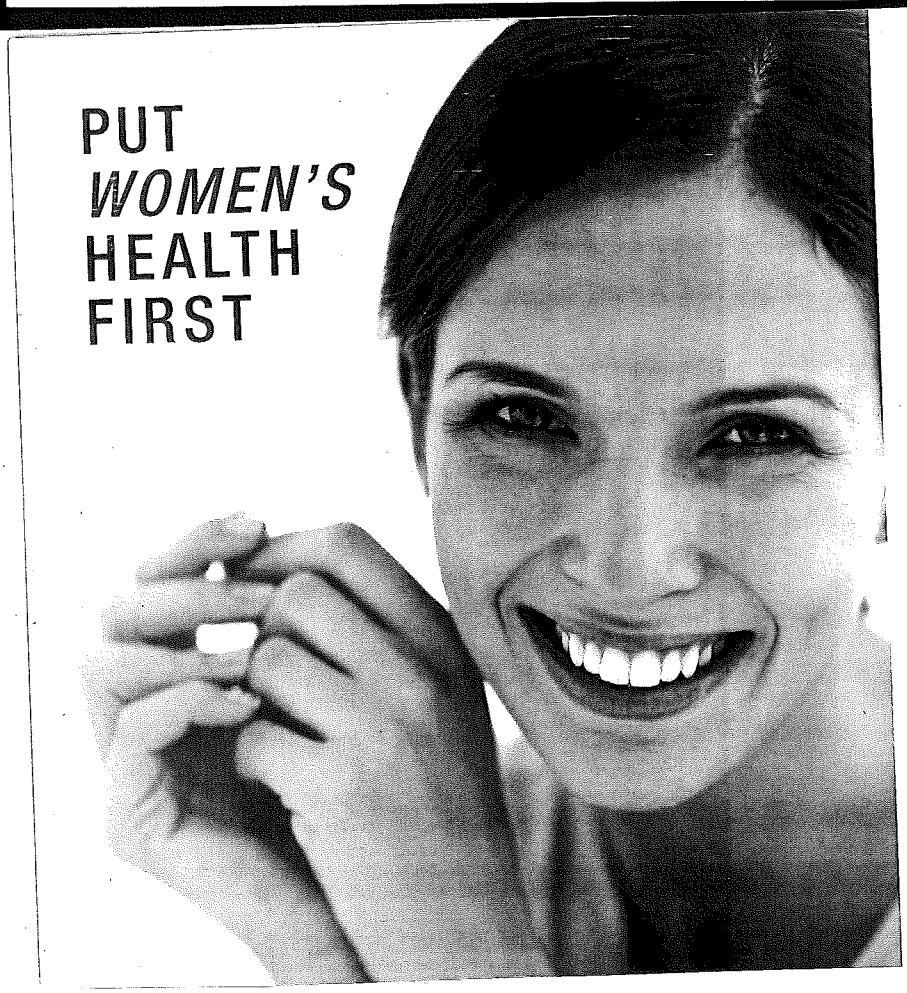

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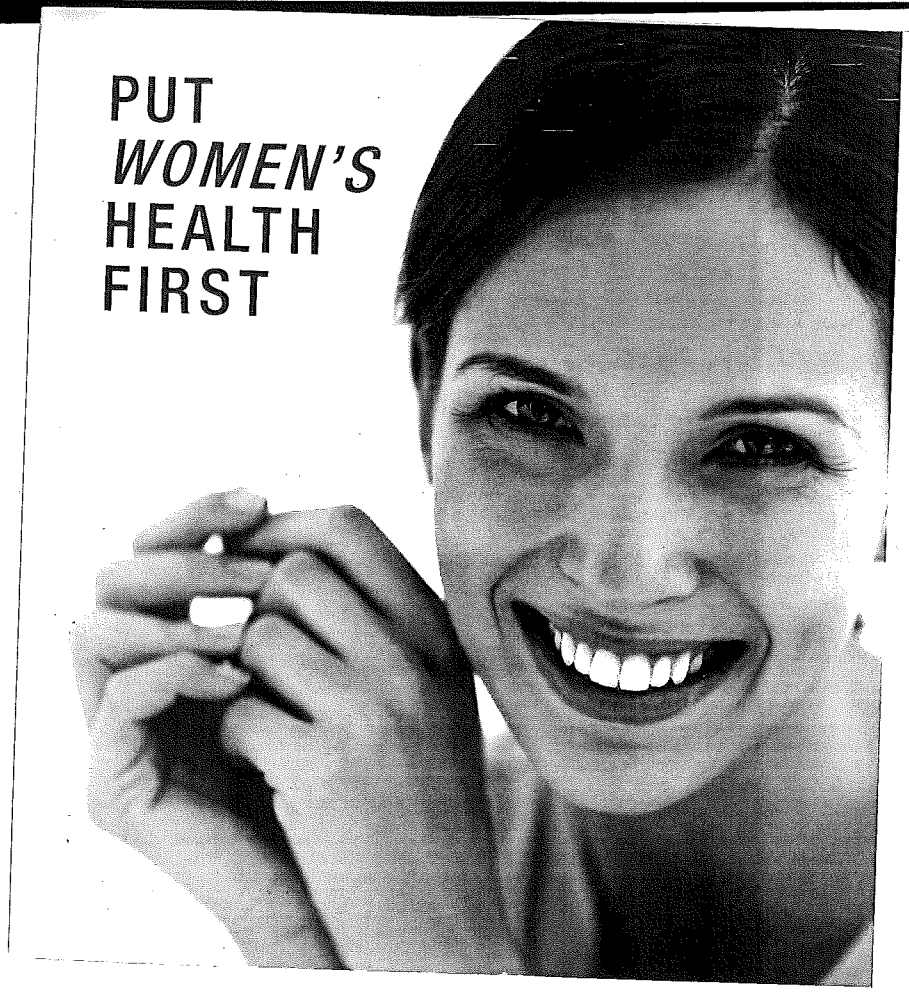

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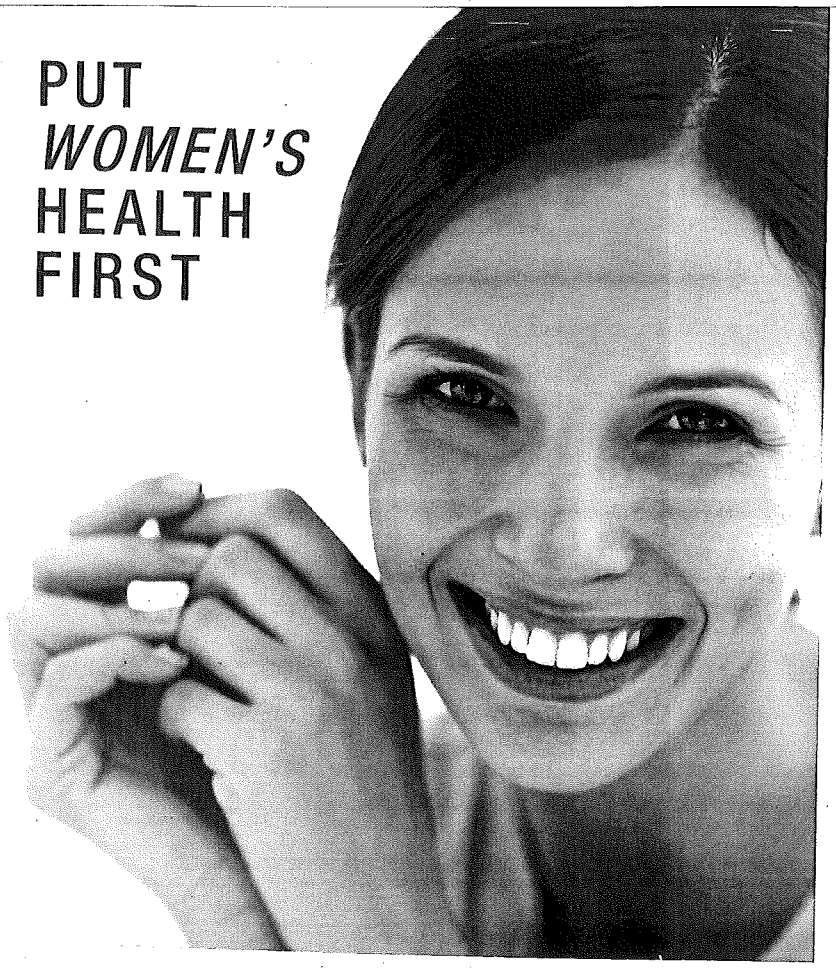

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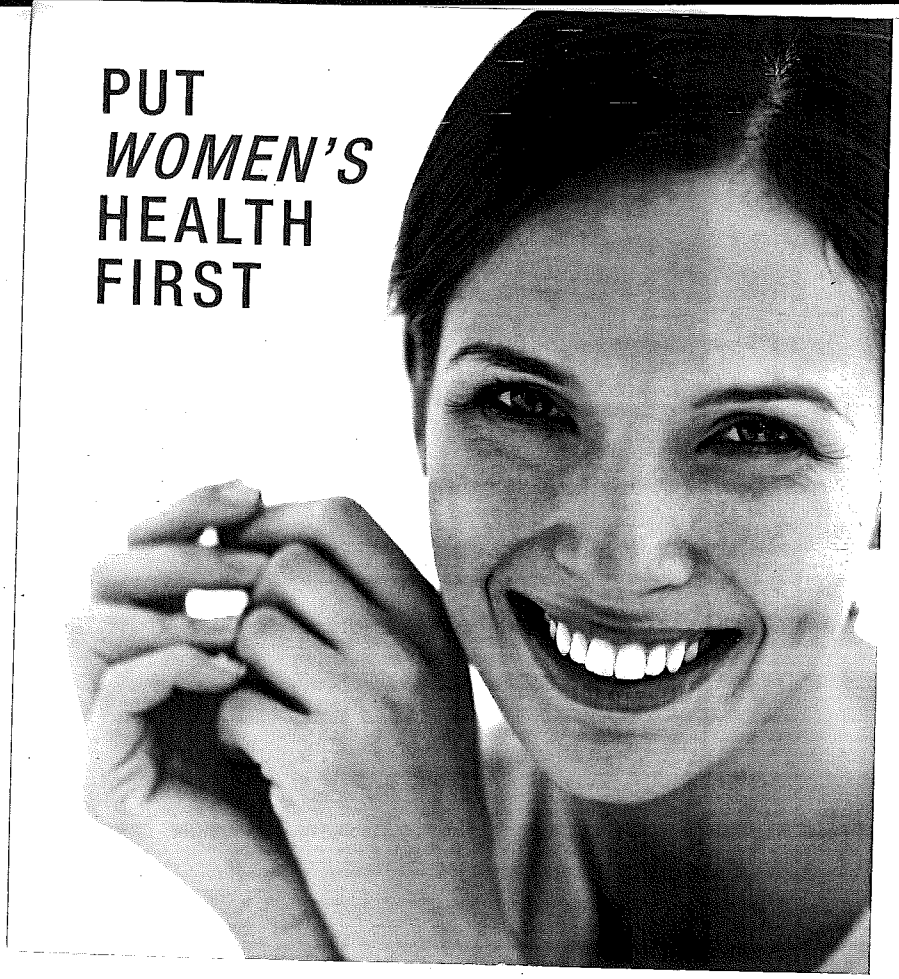

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Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Abortion Clinic Rules
Comments by Jere Royall, Counsel for North Carolina Family Policy Council

Good morning. My name is Jere Royall, and I serve as Counsel for the North Carolina Family Policy Council. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments regarding the Department's proposed amendments to the rules for abortion clinics in North Carolina.

The Council is appreciative of many of the proposed rule changes, which are the first in almost 20 years. We are encouraged that the proposals include increasing standards and requirements for clinic governance, record keeping, and quality assurance.

However, the proposed rules fail to address some critical issues that are vital to women's health and safety. A primary need is for the rules to require annual inspections of abortion clinics. The proposed inspection rule states,

> "Any clinic certified by the Division [of Health Service Regulation] to perform abortions shall be subject to inspections by authorized representatives of the Division annually and as it may deem necessary as a condition of holding such a license."

Being "subject to" annual inspections does not require annual inspections to take place; it only means that the clinics may be inspected annually.

This is important, because in 2013, three abortion clinics in North Carolina (Charlotte, Durham and Asheville) were temporarily shut down when, in each case, the Division of Health Service Regulation found that conditions presented "an imminent danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the clients and that emergency action is needed to protect the clients." Although these three suspensions of certificates to operate occurred in one year, it has been reported that on average, the Division has been inspecting abortion clinics only about every three to five years. Fiscal analysis of the proposed amendments indicates an estimated annual total cost for inspecting all 16 clinics is $20,800 for the Division and $16,500 for all the clinics, but the proposed rule does not require annual inspections.

The North Carolina Family Policy Council will be submitting additional written comments to the Department, but we wanted to take this opportunity to express what we believe is a critical deficiency in the proposed amendments.

Thank you.

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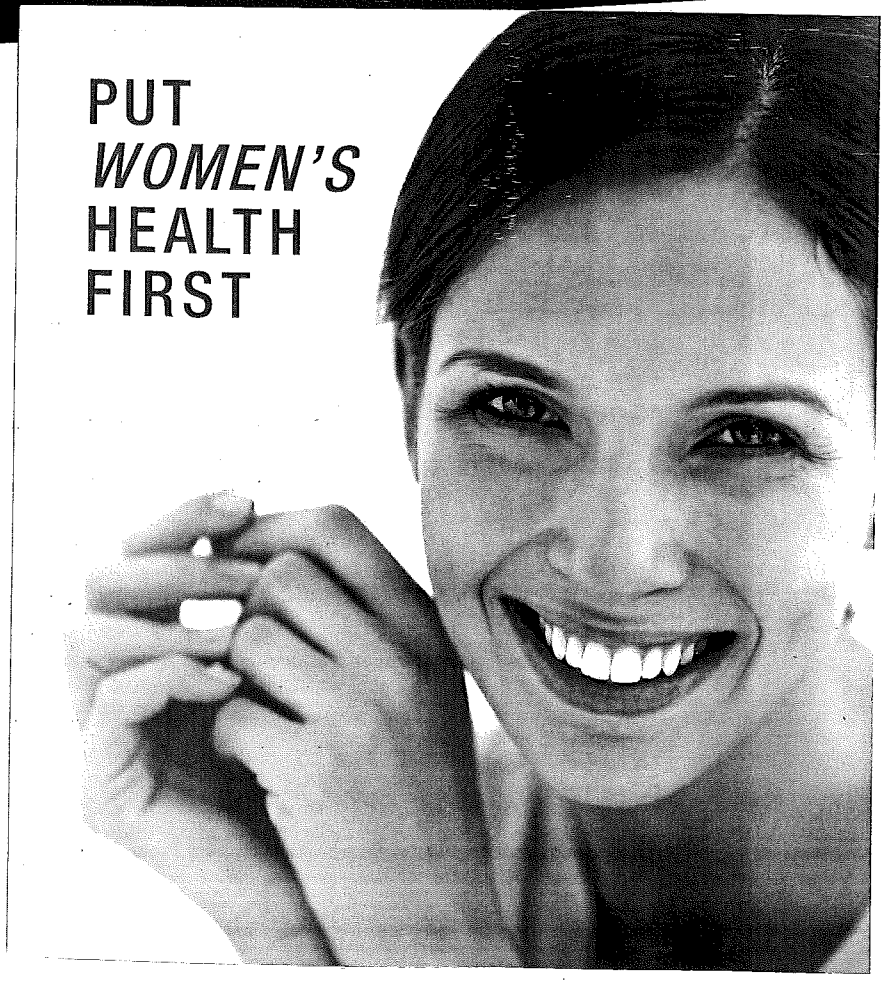

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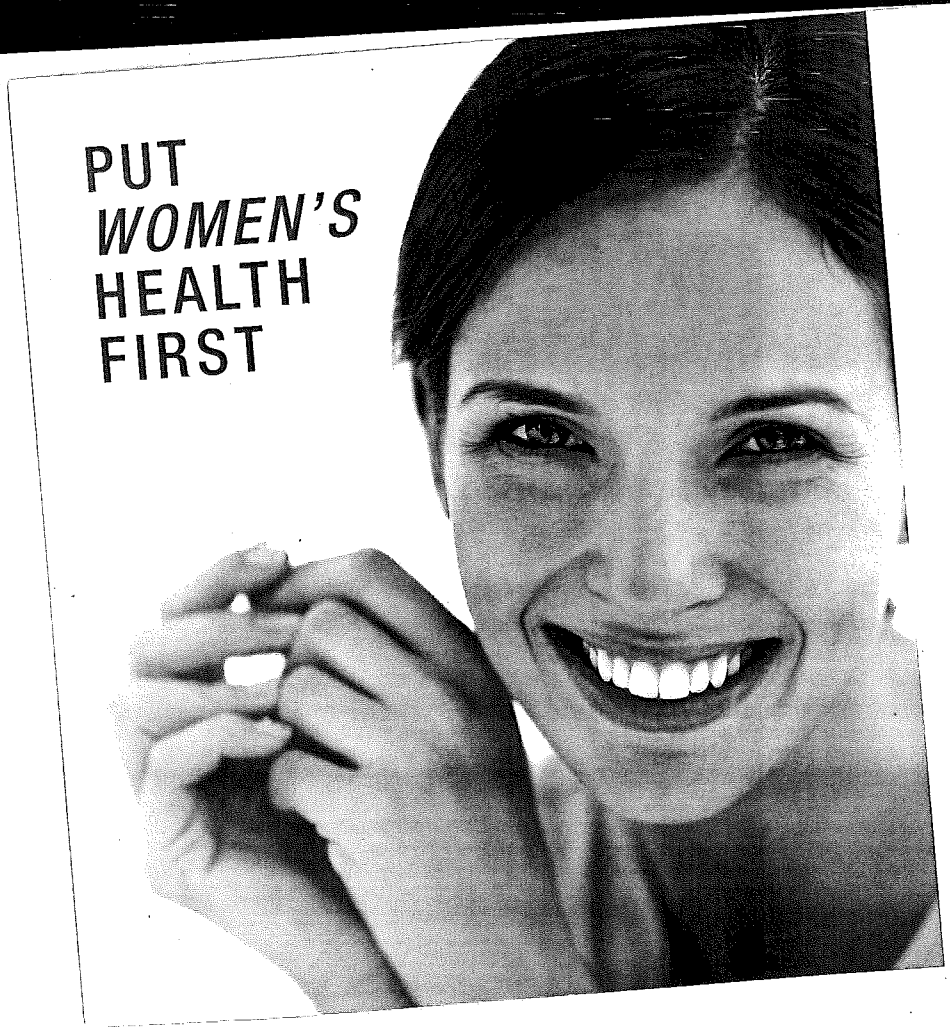

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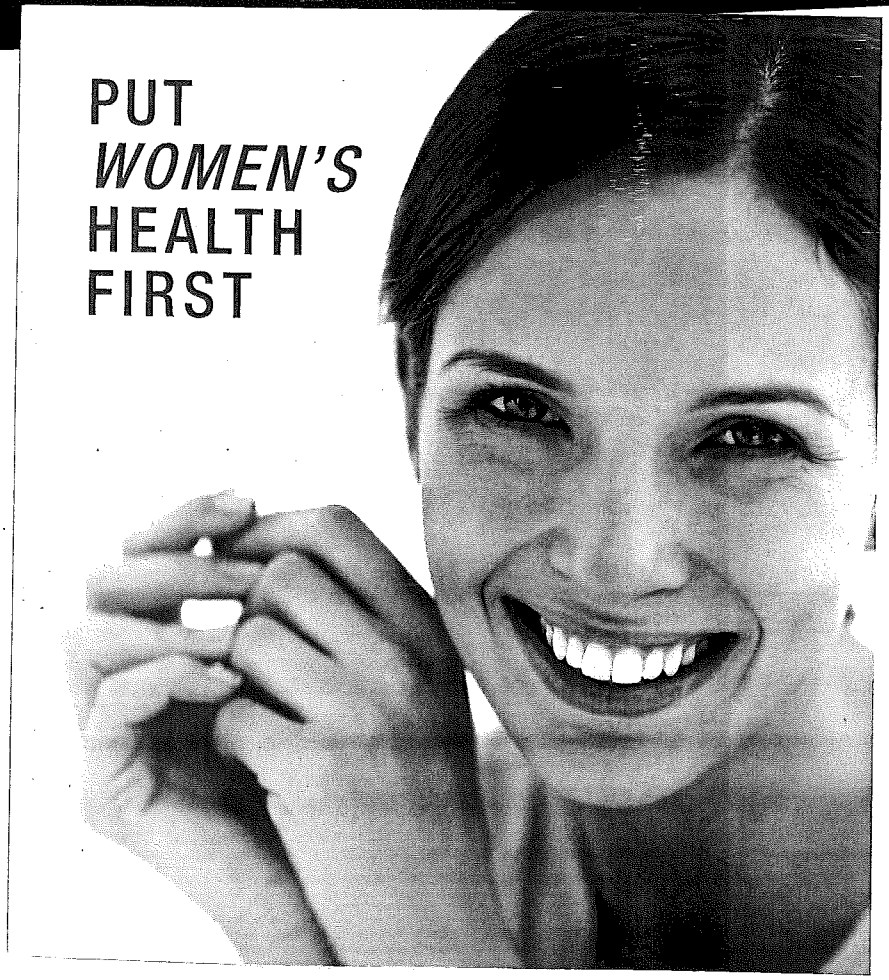

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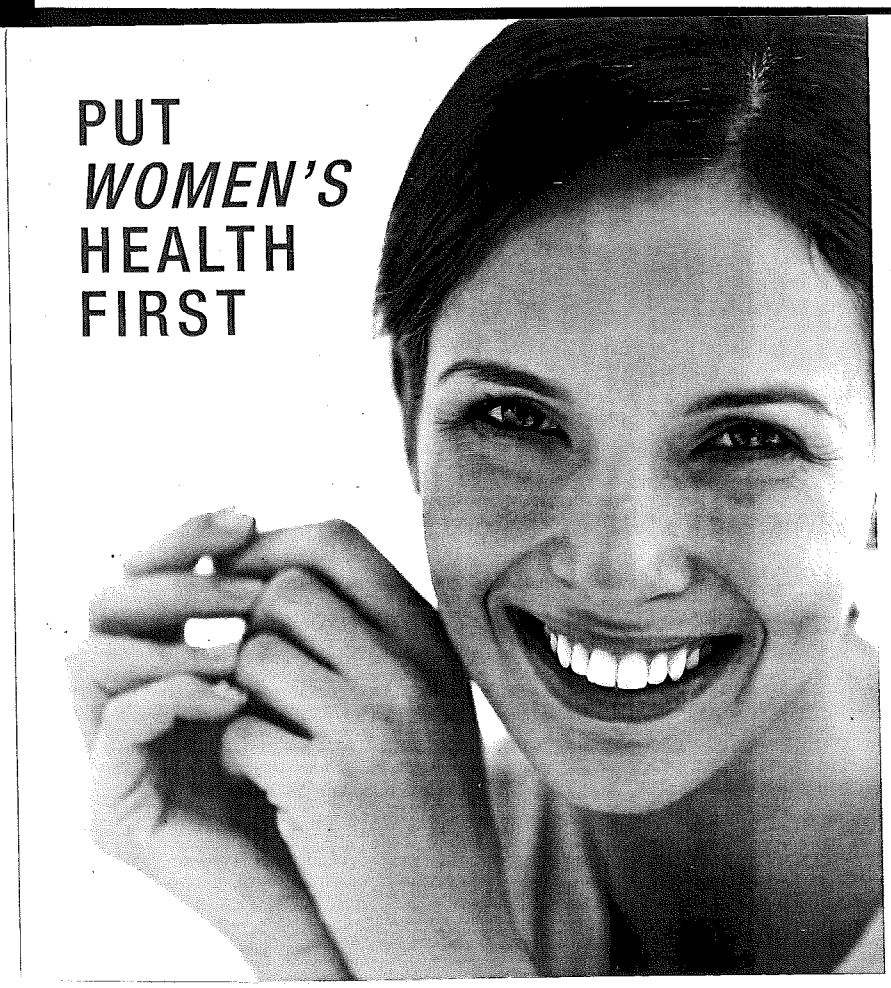

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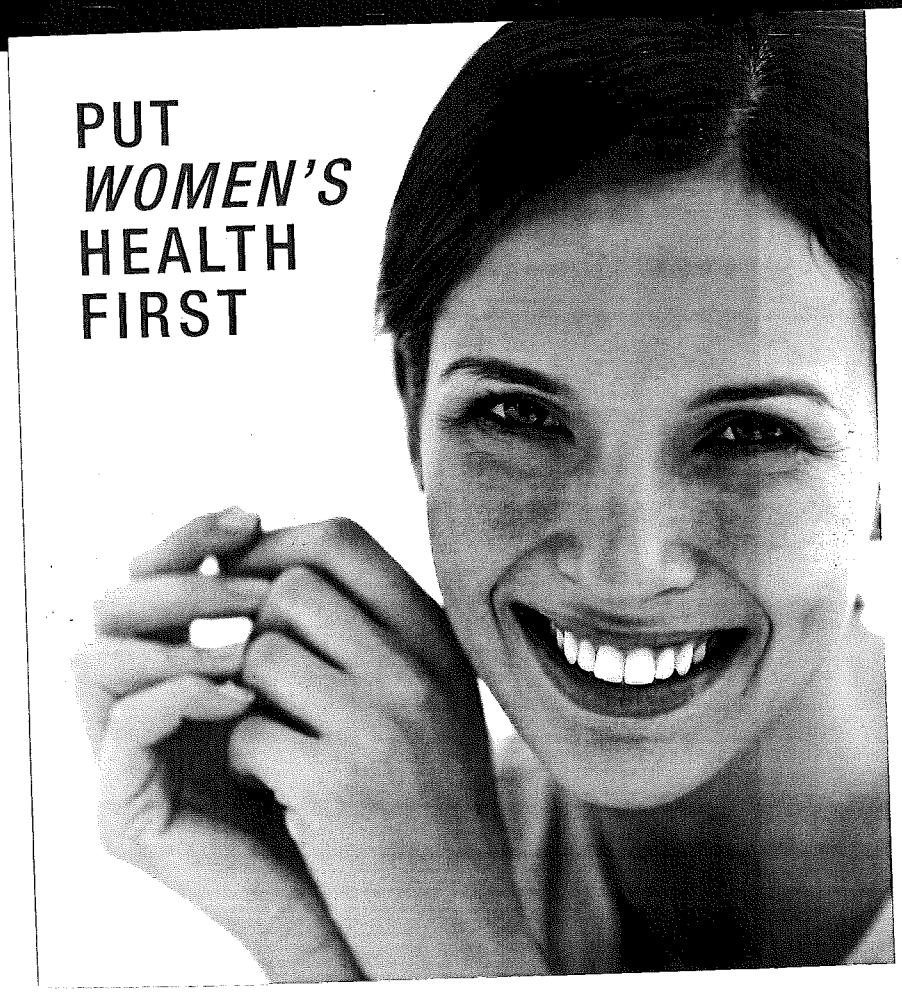

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