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**(Neb.) - Report finds health disparities for minority women**

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A new report by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services shows an ongoing health disparity between minority women and other populations.

The report says African-American women in Nebraska were more likely to die from cancer, heart disease, and strokes than women from other racial and ethnic groups. American Indian and Hispanic women were more likely to develop diabetes, and American Indian women were more likely to die from the disease.

The report shows that minority women continue to experience disparities in deaths, health outcomes, preventative care and health care access.

The report covered health data from 2007 through 2009. Nebraska Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joann Schaefer says addressing the problem is one of her top priorities in office.

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