



FACT SHEET:

PROTECTING CONTRACEPTION ACCESS

H 7652 (Rep. Kazarian) & S 2525 (Sen. Euer)

Access to affordable, convenient, and effective contraception has led to **significant declines in teen and unintended pregnancy**, abortion, and unplanned births. This is a big success of the ACA, and **Rhode Island cannot afford to go backwards**.

WHAT THIS BILL WILL ACHIEVE:

Protect and Expand Access to Affordable, Effective Birth Control

- ✓ **Protect the current \$0 cost-sharing for contraception** by preserving in RI law the provision of Affordable Care Act (ACA) that says birth control is a preventive health care service.
- ✓ **Allow prescribing and dispensing of birth control up to a full year at a time.** Patients and providers would continue to work together to decide what is best for the patient's health.
- ✓ **Ensure affordability and accessibility of the most effective forms of contraception**, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) option such as IUDs and implants.
- ✓ Include **over-the-counter contraception**, except for male/external condoms, when prescribed.
- ✓ Keep Rhode Island up-to-date with other states **that have already passed similar laws**, including California, Oregon, and – this past November – [Massachusetts](#).

Reproductive Health Care is Under Attack by the Trump Administration

- ✓ **Trump and Congressional Republicans have taken aim at health care** - particularly undermining women's health.
- ✓ They have **ended** the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, **made it easier for employers to opt-out** of providing birth control coverage, and most recently have **proposed radical changes to the Title X** program.
- ✓ Repealing the ACA is a **priority** for the Trump-Pence Administration.
- ✓ **ACOG** (The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) recommends **removing barriers** to women accessing birth control.
- ✓ Women are at risk of pregnancy when they skip **even one pill** or break the continual use of other methods, such as the 30-day ring or 90-day shot.
- ✓ **Unplanned pregnancy** has [significant costs](#) – mental, physical, and financial – for women, children, and society.

RHODE ISLAND MUST ACT BECAUSE:

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