Advancing Health Equity Through Improving Access to Patient-Centered Contraceptive Care

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Evidence for Equity Initiative
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

**Authorized by Congress in 2010**

**Mandate:** improve the quality and relevance of evidence available to help patients, caregivers, clinicians, employers, insurers, and policy makers make better-informed health decisions.

**Goals:**

- Substantially increase the quantity, quality, and timeliness of useful, trustworthy information available to support health decisions.
- Speed the implementation and use of patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) evidence.
- Influence clinical and healthcare research funded by others to be more patient-centered.

Sources: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, [https://www.pcori.org/about/about-pcori](https://www.pcori.org/about/about-pcori)
Evidence for Equity Publications

Introductory Brief: The Role of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research In Improving Evidence and Advancing Health Equity

Asthma: Advancing Health Equity Through Better Evidence For Asthma Care: Translating Patient-centered Outcomes Research Learnings Into Equity-focused Policy Recommendations

Community Health Workers:

- Advancing Health Equity Through Community Health Workers and Peer Providers: Mounting Evidence and Policy Recommendations
- Making Community Health Workers Fundamental: New Research Strengthens The Case For State Policymakers to Include CHWs in Care Delivery Teams
- Spotlight On Success: New Mexico Community Health Representative Program Reduces Risk of Chronic Kidney Disease for Rural Zuni Indians

Telehealth: Advancing Health Equity Through Telehealth Interventions during COVID-19 and Beyond: Policy Recommendations and Promising State Models

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Potential Solutions

**Priority Area 1:** Increase affordability of contraceptive methods—by increasing insurance coverage of contraception methods and offering uninsured individuals' free access to family planning services.

**Priority Area 2:** Reduce provider barriers—by loosening practice restrictions and adjusting reimbursement guidance to contraception counseling services.

**Priority Area 3:** Improve the patient-centeredness of contraceptive care—by considering approaches which center reproductive autonomy.

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Contraceptive Coverage and Access
Federal Policy Landscape

- Medicaid
- The Title X Family Planning Program
- ACA contraceptive coverage provision
State Supply of Contraceptives

• Extended Supply of Contraceptives
• Protecting /Expanding Contraceptive Coverage
• Pharmacist Prescribing of Contraception
23 states including DC have passed this legislation.

2021: Nebraska & Virginia passed (VA specifically for Medicaid)
Protecting Contraceptive Coverage

- 16 states including DC
- 2021: 8 additional states have pending legislation, including CA, where SB 523 passed one chamber

As of November 1, 2021
Pharmacist Prescribing of Contraception

- 24 states incl. DC allow
- 2021: AR, AZ, DE, IL NC, NV passed laws

As of November 1, 2021
Interactive Reproductive Health Policy Maps

STATE BY STATE POLICY DISTRIBUTION
Hover over a state to read highlights of the legislation. Click on the state to expand legislation details.
Thank You

Follow-up Questions?
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Center on Health Equity Action for System Transformation

https://familiesusa.org/initiatives/center-health-equity-action-system-transformation

Sign up for the Health Equity Action for Transformation (HEAT) Network

https://goo.gl/forms/sx7mDPxY73LMMjGt2
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