

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024*

**Statement on Efforts To Expand Contraception Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

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Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned more than 2 years ago, Republican elected officials have made clear they want to ban or restrict birth control, defund Federal programs that help women access contraception, and repeal the Affordable Care Act. And congressional Republicans have repeatedly blocked Federal legislation to safeguard the fundamental right to birth control for women in every State. It's unacceptable.

Today my administration is taking a major step to expand contraception coverage under the Affordable Care Act. This new action would help ensure that millions of women with private health insurance can access the no-cost contraception they need. Vice President Harris and I have worked tirelessly to protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. We lowered costs for marketplace coverage by an average of \$800 per year for millions of Americans, and more Americans than ever before have signed up for health insurance through the law.

At a time when contraception access is under attack, Vice President Harris and I are resolute in our commitment to expanding access to quality, affordable contraception. We believe that women in every State must have the freedom to make deeply personal health care decisions, including the right to decide if and when to start or grow their family. We will continue to fight to protect access to reproductive health care and call on Congress to restore reproductive freedom and safeguard the right to contraception once and for all.

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