

Advancing Sexual + Reproductive Health Access and Equity in CA

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Looking Back: 2021 State Policy

Increasing Access Through Telehealth

Permanent Victories

- Medi-Cal Minor Consent remote enrollment + eligibility
- FPACT remote enrollment + eligibility
- Depo-shot pharmacy benefit for Medi-Cal + FPACT

Temporary Victories

- Telehealth flexibilities extended to January 2023
- Payment parity for phone/video telehealth visits
- Medication abortion via telehealth

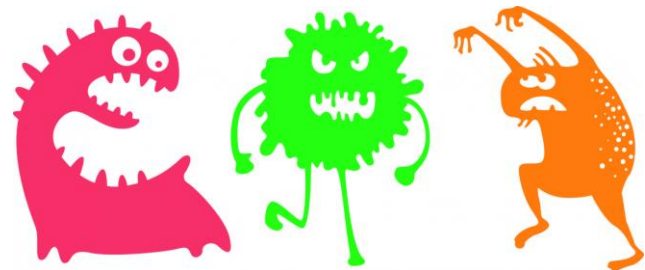


2021 Sexual + Reproductive Health Policy Victories

SB 306 (Pan) – STI Testing + Treatment

January 1, 2022 effective date

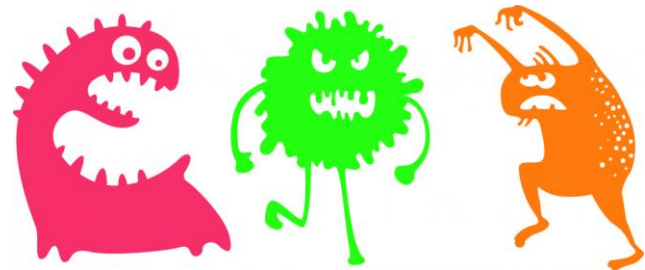
- Expands congenital syphilis screenings
- Home STI test-kits coverage for Medi-Cal + FRACT + Commercial Ins.
- Liability protections for providers practicing Expedited Partner Therapy
- EPT medication can be dispensed without patient partner names
- Certified HIV Counselors may conduct rapid STI tests



2021 Sexual + Reproductive Health Policy Victories

AB 1184 – Confidential Health Information Act 2.0

- Commercial health insurance plan dependents
- Explanation of Benefits sent to patient instead of insurance policy owner
- Sent to address on file
- Patient awareness: change the address on file!
- Takes effect July 1, 2022



SB 523 (Leyva) - Contraceptive Equity Act of 2021

- **Co-sponsors:** Essential Access Health, NARAL Pro Choice California, National Health Law Program
- **Bill provisions:**
 - Update contraceptive equity law to be gender inclusive
 - Coverage of over-the-counter methods with no prescription
 - Coverage of vasectomies with no cost-sharing
 - Extends benefits to millions of Californians
 - Clarifies that employee discrimination is prohibited
- **Status:** 2 year bill



SB 245: No Co-Pays for Abortion Care

- **Sponsors:** Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Black Women for Wellness, ACCESS Reproductive Justice
- **Bill Provisions:** Would require commercial/private health plans to cover all abortion care costs, without co-pays or cost sharing
- **Status:** 2 year bill

Looking Ahead: 2022 State Policy Agenda

Governor's State Budget Goals

- FPACT coverage of HPV vaccine
- Commitment to abortion access
- Covered CA: \$20 million to cover \$1 premium for abortion coverage
- \$300 million for DPH + Local Health Jurisdictions
- Health4All Californians: Expanding Medi-Cal to adults 26 to 49

State Budget Goals from Community

- Establish California Reproductive Health Equity Program
- Condom Access in Schools
- Syphilis + Congenital Syphilis Outbreak Strategy
- Increase Hepatitis C Prevention and Linkage to Care Services
- Health Equity + Racial Justice Fund

2022 Sexual + Repro Health Policy Priorities

SB 1234 (Pan) – STI Prevention + Treatment Fairness Act

- **Sponsors:** APLA Health, Black Women for Wellness Action Project, Equality California, Essential Access Health, LA LGBT Center, San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- **Bill provisions:** Expand Family PACT eligibility for STI services
 - LGBTQ+ communities
 - People who cannot pro-create
 - People experiencing infertility issues
 - People with long-term reversible contraceptives

2022 Sexual + Repro Health Policy Priorities

SB 2134 (Weber) - The California Abortion and Reproductive Equity (CARE) Act

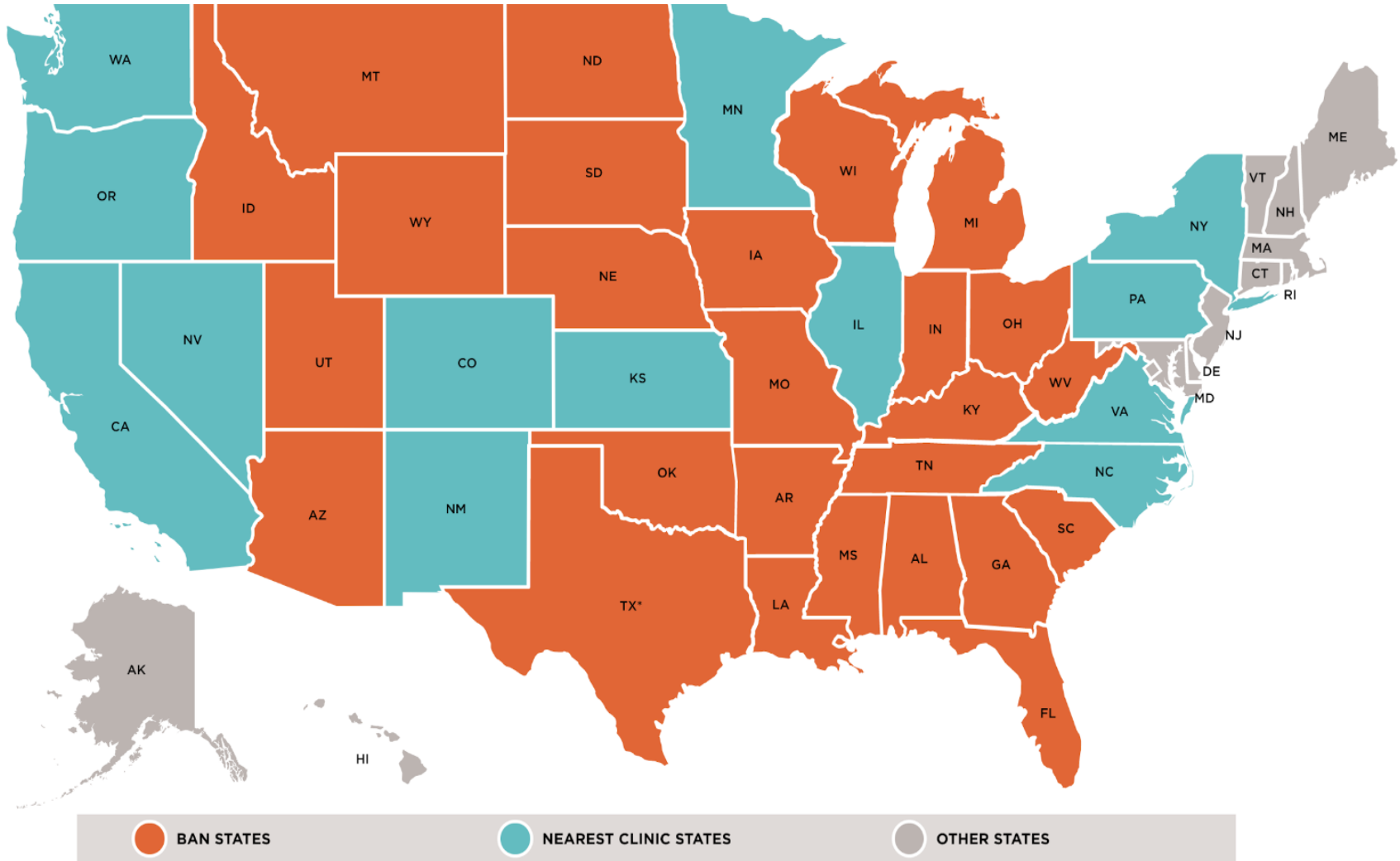
- Establish CA Reproductive Health Equity Program to cover:
- Abortion care + contraception for those unable to pay
- People whose insurance won't cover abortion or contraception
- Any one present in CA

2022 Sexual + Repro Health Legislation

- AB 4 (Arambula) - Health4All Adults
- AB 2312 (Lee) – Prohibiting Age Discrimination for Contraception
- AB 2516 (Aguiar-Curry) – Expanding HPV Vaccine Coverage
- AB 2586 (Garcia) – Reproductive + Sexual Health Working Group

Future of Abortion in California

Abortion Access Under Attack



Abortion Access in California



California Future of Abortion Council

- Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
- Office of Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins
- Office of Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
- Office of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
- ACCESS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
- ACLU of Northern California
- ACLU of Southern California
- Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health
- Advocates for Youth
- All* Above All
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Nurses Association
- Black Women for Wellness Action Project
- CA NOW
- CA Nurse Midwives Association
- California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
- California Medical Association
- California Women's Health Specialists
- Essential Access Health
- FPA Women's Health
- Hollywood NOW
- If/When/How
- NARAL Pro-Choice California
- National Health Law Program (NHeLP)
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
- Planned Parenthood California Central Coast
- Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Planned Parenthood NorCal
- Planned Parenthood Orange and San Bernardino Counties
- Planned Parenthood Pacific Southwest
- Planned Parenthood Pasadena San Gabriel Valley
- Plan C Pills
- TEACH
- MYA Network
- Team Lily and HIVE
- The Feminist Women's Health Centers of California
- UC Davis Health
- UCLA School of Law
- UCLA Health
- UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
- URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
- Women's Foundation of California
- Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project

Future of Abortion Council

Making California a true “Reproductive Freedom State”

- Identify barriers to abortion access for Californians
- Preparing to welcome + support out-of-state patients
- Recommending policy proposals and solutions that ensure anyone in need of abortion services has equitable and affordable access to abortion care in our state.



Abortion Access in California

Council Report: 45+ Recommendations

- Services, coverage + provider reimbursement
- Abortion funds + practical support
- Workforce
- Legal protections
- Education + research

FAB Council Legislation

- AB 1142 – Practical support funding + abortion info website
- AB 1666 Legal protections for abortion providers
- AB 1918 – SRH workforce training scholarships
- AB 2091 – Enhancing privacy protections for pregnancy + abortion medical records
- SB 1375 – Abortion care provided by advanced-practice clinicians
- SB 2134 – CARE Act
- SB 2223 – Legal protections for people who have abortions, self-manage their own abortion or experience pregnancy loss

All Hands on Deck: Protecting + Expanding Access in LA County

All Hands on Deck in LA

- County Board motion to conduct abortion access analysis
- Report released:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/owh/SexualReproHealth/OWHAbortionReport.pdf>
- Los Angeles Women's Health Equity Coalition
- #FundAbortionLA Campaign: \$200,000 funding ask

All Hands on Deck in LA

County Board Motion ``:

- Directing DPH to create STD dash board to monitor work
- Empowers DPH to seek state legislative solutions

Questions



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