



# **An Overview of Reproductive Health in the 2016 California Legislative Session**

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# Maximum Family Grant Rule

- The MFG Rule prohibits families from receiving increased payments if they have additional children while receiving CalWORKs grants.
- This rule has been in place since 1994.
- Governor Brown has agreed to sign a budget deal that will include a repeal of the MFG Rule!

# SB 999: 12 month contraceptive supply

- Requires insurance plans to cover up to a 12-month supply of FDA-approved, self-administered hormonal contraceptives when dispensed at one time.
- These contraceptives include oral contraceptives, the patch, and the ring.
- Existing law only authorizes pharmacists to dispense 30-90 day supplies.
  
- Sponsor: Pavley
- Status: Passed Senate, in Assembly Health Committee and Business and Professions Committee

# AB 1954: Direct Access to Reproductive Health Care Act

- Prohibits private insurance plans from requiring a referral to receive reproductive health services.
- Sponsor: Burke
- Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate Committee on Health

# AB 1561: No Tax on Tampons

- Would eliminate sales tax on tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual cups, and menstrual sponges.
- Sponsor: Garcia
- Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate Committee on Government and Finance

# SB 1014: Pupil Rights

- Would allow 4 excused absences per school year to care for a sick child and the school is prohibited from requiring a doctor's note
- Would allow up to 6 weeks of parental leave for a pupil who gives or expects to give birth
- Would allow up to 3 weeks of parental leave for a parenting pupil not giving birth
  
- Sponsor: Liu
- Status: Passed Senate, in Assembly Committee on Education

# AB 2589: Lactation Services and Equipment

- Streamlines WIC enrollment by having CalHEERS identify individuals who may be eligible for WIC and provide electronic access to program applications to those individuals
- Develops measures and outcomes for breastfeeding rates
  
- Sponsor: Gomez
- Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate Committee on Health

# AB 1838: Foster care infant supplement

- Expands the Infant Supplement in foster care to support parenting foster youth
- Sponsor: Ting
- Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate Committee on Human Services

# AB 492: Diaper Supplement for CALWORKS

- Requires CalWORKs to include a diaper-needs benefit in the amount of \$50 per month for diapers for every child two years of age or younger who is enrolled in child care pursuant to the CalWORKs welfare-to-work requirement
- Sponsor: Gonzalez
- Status: Passed Assembly, in Senate Appropriations

# SB 1433: Contraceptive counseling and supplies in CA prisons

- Requires that any person incarcerated in state prison, who menstruates, have access to materials necessary for personal hygiene.
- Any such individual who is capable of becoming pregnant shall have access to contraceptive counseling and their choice of birth control method, including all FDA-approved methods. Only one version of each therapeutic method must be made available, unless another method is specifically prescribed and approved by the chief medical physician at the prison.
- Sponsor: Mitchell
- Status: Passed Senate, in Assembly Committee on Public Safety

# Other Legislation

- AB 1671: Confidential communications with a health care provider
- AB 1795: Expansion of breast cancer and cervical cancer screening and services
- AB 1306: Expand access to certified nurse-midwives
- SB 960: Telehealth for reproductive health services



# AB 2081

- Health insurance plans would no longer be required to include abortion as a covered benefit.
- Sponsor: Grove
- Status: Failed passage in Health Committee

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