

Abortion Access for All. Two Bills. One Movement.

Two landmark bills—the **Women’s Health Protection Act** and **EACH Woman Act**—individually tackle some of the greatest threats to reproductive health in the United States. The Women’s Health Protection Act defends abortion services against medically unnecessary restrictions and the EACH Woman Act promotes affordability of this care. Together, these bills have the power to transform abortion access across the country—bringing us closer to a world in which all people have unencumbered access to affordable abortion services, no matter where they live, their income, or how they

get their health coverage.

For too many people, essential reproductive health care is being pushed further out of reach by politicians imposing extreme and harmful restrictions on abortion that threaten to obstruct access to care, shut down abortion clinics, shame women for their decisions, and jeopardize their health. Starting with the passage of the Hyde Amendment in 1976, discriminatory restrictions on public insurance coverage of abortion continue to severely limit abortion access for low-income people and others who receive their health coverage or care through the federal

government. Further compounding the problem, since 2010 more than 400 laws have been enacted that restrict and regulate abortion for medically unnecessary reasons.

These restrictions deny people their rights to liberty and privacy in deciding whether and when to parent a child or terminate a pregnancy, decisions which the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly reaffirmed are protected by the Constitution. It’s time for Congress to restore abortion access by passing the Women’s Health Protection Act and the EACH Woman Act.

WHPA + EACH Woman Act

The **Women’s Health Protection Act (WHPA)** safeguards doctors’ ability to provide high quality, essential reproductive health care free from political interference designed to obstruct access to abortion and force clinics to shut down. Through the protections of WHPA, providers will be able to deliver health care according to their own professional judgment free from medically unnecessary restrictions not required for similar health care services. Access to abortion should not depend on a person’s zip code.

The **Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) Act** eliminates federal coverage restrictions on abortion services, such as the Hyde Amendment’s ban on coverage for Medicaid enrollees, and protects insurance providers from interference in their decision to cover abortion. Studies show that when policymakers place restrictions on Medicaid coverage of abortion, it forces one in four poor women to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term. Discriminatory restrictions on insurance coverage do not belong in our public policy.

Working in concert, WHPA + EACH Woman answer the resounding call to preserve reproductive rights in the United States by tearing down major barriers to comprehensive abortion care for all.