



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

From the desk of
Senator Monnes Anderson

VOTE YES HB 3343: Access to Birth Control

Allowing women to receive a 12-month supply of birth control at one time just makes sense.

For birth control to be effective, consistency is essential. For many women, whether they are working multiple jobs or living in remote rural areas of the state, receiving only 30 or 90 days of contraception at a time can be an obstacle to effective use.

All insured women in Oregon should have access to best practices when it comes to contraception and reducing unintended pregnancy.

Currently, the Oregon Contraceptive Care Program provides patients with a 12-month supply of birth control at one time, but private insurers only provide reimbursement for 30 to 90 days. Studies show that dispensing a greater supply of contraceptives at a clinical visit is associated with fewer repeat visits, greater contraceptive continuation, and a reduction in the odds of unintended pregnancy.

Benefits of dispensing a 12-month supply of birth control at one time include:

- Reduces a woman's odds of having an unintended pregnancy by 30%
- Increases contraception continuation rates
- Decreases costs per client to insurers by reducing the number of pregnancy tests and pregnancies

Something as important and effective as birth control should just be a little bit easier to get. VOTE YES ON HB 3343

