

H.R.2972: The EACH Woman Act

The facts

The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (the EACH Woman) Act of 2015 is a necessary and groundbreaking bill that would allow pregnant people to make personal healthcare decisions regardless of their income. If the EACH Woman Act becomes law, it will ensure that everyone can access abortion coverage regardless of where they live, how much money they make, or how they are insured.

First, the EACH woman act requires individuals who receive health insurance through plans like Medicaid to have abortion care covered, this would end the horrible legacy of the Hyde Amendment. Second, the EACH Woman Act prohibits politicians from passing laws that restrict private insurance carriers from covering abortion care. Currently, [24 states restrict abortion care to be covered in private plans offered on the state healthcare exchange](#).

Why it matters

Every year since 1976, the Hyde Amendment has been passed by Congress. The Hyde Amendment bars the use of federal funds for abortion with exceptions only for rape, incest, or life endangerment. This restriction applies to all Medicaid recipients, government workers, and Peace Corps volunteers.

With Hyde in place, people who seek an abortion are often forced to divert money intended for other things, such as paying bills or buying food for their families, in order to afford expensive abortion services not covered by their health insurance. The harm of the Hyde Amendment falls heavily on low-income families, women of color, and young people.

The EACH Woman Act is an important proactive step toward ensuring all people have access to abortion care regardless of the source of their insurance. We are done playing defense. We are articulating our vision for a world where everyone gets to decide when to start a family, regardless of how much money they make.



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What you can do

The Each Woman Act is currently in the House and has over 100 cosponsors. To take action against Hyde and to support the EACH Woman Act, it is important that your representatives know that you oppose these restrictions and want them to cosponsor this important bill. Call, write, and make appointments to see your representative at both the federal and state level and tell them that you care you about this issue!

To find your House Representative visit: www.house.gov

To find your Senators and to ask them to sponsor this bill when it is eventually introduced in the Senate, visit: www.senate.gov

In the meantime, until the EACH Woman Act is passed, you can also donate and volunteer for abortion funds in your state. These funds help women raise funds to access abortion services. Find your local abortion fund at: www.fundabortionnow.org/

Let your Representative and Senators know that you oppose insurance bans on abortion care by contacting them using this [link](#).

Resources

All Above All is an organization dedicated to repealing Hyde. To find out more and how you can get involved visit: www.AllAboveAll.org

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