

Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH) Act

What is the EACH Act?

The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act or EACH Act, is federal legislation aimed at reversing the Hyde Amendment and related abortion coverage restrictions. The EACH Act is led by Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) in the House of Representatives and Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) in the U.S. Senate ([H.R. 4611](#), [SB 2377](#)).

What is the Hyde Amendment?

The Hyde Amendment is attached to yearly Congressional funding bills banning federal funding for abortion except for in cases of rape, incest and life endangerment. First enacted in 1976, the Hyde Amendment impacts enrollees of federal programs such as:

- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Peace Corps Volunteers
- Federal employees and their dependents
- Native Americans and Indigenous peoples who access their health care through Indian Health Services
- People who are incarcerated in federal prisons and those in immigration detention centers
- Low-income folks in the District of Columbia

What does the EACH Act do?

EACH reverses the Hyde Amendment and related restrictions on federal funding of abortion by doing two things:

1. Ensuring that every person who has insurance through the federal government will have coverage for abortion services; and
2. Prohibits political interference with decisions by private health insurance companies to offer coverage for abortion services.^[1]

Why does URGE Support EACH?

The EACH Act is a federal legislative solution directly tied to URGE's Young People's Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda, specifically, *Accessing Abortion Without Barriers*. URGE advocates for expanded health coverage that includes abortion care for all people, regardless of income or how they are insured.

At URGE, we know that every person deserves access to abortion care that is free from barriers, shame, or political interference. The Hyde Amendment has never been a neutral policy. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) acknowledged in 1977 that the amendment was designed to limit abortion access as broadly as possible through the Medicaid funding bill. Fifty years later, the harm is still being felt, and it falls hardest on the communities we organize with and for.

The Hyde Amendment and related coverage restrictions disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous, Latina/Latine, Asian and Pacific Islander, and other people of color, young people, LGBTQIA+, people within the carceral system, people detained for immigration purposes, and people struggling to make ends meet.

Due to systemic racism and economic inequity, women of color are disproportionately enrolled in Medicaid:

- **29%** of Black women and **25%** of Hispanic women ages 15–49 rely on Medicaid, compared to **15%** of white women.^[2]
 - For women living below the federal poverty level, that number rises to 50% — and for Black women in that group, 62%.^[3]
- **35% (5.5 million)** women ages 14–49 covered by Medicaid live in states where abortion remains legal, but the program will not cover the service except in limited Hyde-related circumstances.^[4]
- **21%** of Medicaid enrollees live in a state where abortion is banned entirely^[5]
 - More than **6.7 million** Black women, **57%** of all Black women ages 15–49, live in the 26 states that have banned or are likely to ban abortion.^[6]

Impact on Young Service Members

- In 2024, approximately **two-thirds** of active-duty service members were 30 years old or younger, meaning Hyde Amendment restrictions fall squarely on young active-duty members and their dependents alike.^[7]

The Economic Reality

- **37%** of Americans do not have enough savings to pay for a \$400 emergency expense, what is now part of the cost of abortion.^[8]

The EACH Act would get rid of the discriminatory Hyde Amendment and take us one step toward ensuring every person can access the care they need, regardless of income or insurance status.

Our partners at All Above All (allaboveall.org) lead the charge for the fight for the introduction and advancement of the EACH Act. URGE has been a founding supporter of the EACH Act, head over to our website to learn more about young people's fight for insurance coverage of abortion and reproductive justice.*

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