



The Reproductive Equity Act S2918/A4350

While abortion remains legal in New Jersey, we must continue to fight forward to ensure everyone can get the care they need, without stigma or delay.

The Reproductive Equity Act (REA) will meaningfully expand access to abortion in New Jersey by breaking down barriers to care so that *everyone* – regardless of income, insurance coverage, or immigration status – can access the care they need and deserve.

This legislation goes beyond just safeguarding our rights alone. It ensures that everyone can actually exercise those rights, and access the care they need to make their own personal decisions about their bodies and their lives.

The Reproductive Equity Act accomplishes this vision in three main ways:

1. Mandates that insurance plans in New Jersey cover abortion and birth control with no cost sharing or out of pocket costs, just like NY, ME, IL, CA, OR and WA have done;
2. Expands existing state programs that cover birth control and pregnancy-related care to also cover abortion services for those who face financial barriers; and
3. Establishes in state law, not just regulation, that all qualified providers such as advanced practice clinicians can provide abortions in New Jersey to ensure there continues to be increased access to trained and qualified abortion providers across the state.

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A Moral and Economic Imperative

When a pregnant person is living paycheck to paycheck, not being able to afford health care – an abortion – can push them deeper into poverty.

We need to care more, and judge less, at this moment in our nation's history. Providing funding for those who can't afford an abortion and want one is the moral thing to do. Doing so supports those who already face increased barriers to health care and economic opportunity due to our nation's history of systemic racism and discrimination, namely, communities of color, rural communities, and individuals living with low incomes.

At this moment in our nation's history, every elected official in the country should be seeking to not just protect, but expand access to the full range of reproductive health care services, especially abortion care.

We're proud that New Jersey has been a leader in the fight for the human and civil rights of women and pregnant people. I hope that you will continue to lead our nation and your state in the right direction by supporting this legislation without any delay.

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