



Reproductive Health Equity Act (HB 1922)

The Reproductive Health Equity Act (HB 1922) would establish comprehensive insurance coverage for the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including family planning, abortion care, prenatal and postpartum care, and routine cancer screenings for all Virginians, regardless of income, im/migration status, gender identity, or type of insurance. Access to reproductive health care is critical for ensuring that all Virginians can thrive.

Thousands of Virginians still lack coverage for the full range of reproductive health services:

Barriers to access persist even for those who have coverage. Some plans limit the range of contraceptives they cover and restrict timely access to care in cases of network inadequacy.

Those excluded from coverage are more likely to be people who are already failed by our health system, including women of color, im/migrants, low-income people, young people, transgender and non-binary people. This proposal will ensure every Virginian has access to the reproductive healthcare they need.

Transgender and gender-nonconforming Virginians need access to services that are often tied to one's gender marker, including gender-specific cancer screenings and the full range of reproductive health services. Unfortunately, when coverage is dependent on one's gender marker, procedural barriers can hinder access to this necessary and life-saving care.

The Reproductive Health Equity Act fills these gaps in reproductive health coverage.

The Reproductive Health Equity Act ensures that Virginians receive the full range of preventive reproductive health services at minimal out of pocket cost, fills gaps in reproductive health coverage for those categorically excluded from health programs due to im/migration status, and prohibits discrimination in reproductive health care. Specifically, the Act would:

- Require all commercial plans to abide by the ACA provision that prohibits insurers from imposing co- pays, deductibles, or co-insurance on preventive reproductive health services.
- Establish coverage for the full range of reproductive health care, including family planning, abortion and postpartum care, for Virginians who are categorically excluded from health programs due to im/migration status.
- Codify a nondiscrimination clause that prohibits discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity, in reproductive health coverage.

Support the Reproductive Health Equity Act so all Virginians have access to the care they need!