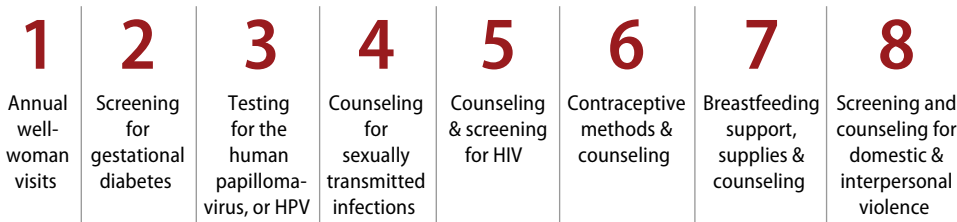


Women's preventive services now covered under Obamacare

Women stand to gain numerous benefits under President Barack Obama's health reform law, the Affordable Care Act. While many women have already seen their health insurance improve under the act and many more will benefit when the law becomes fully operational in 2014, August 1 marks an important deadline for the implementation of this landmark legislation. That's when a regulation goes into effect that will phase in guaranteed coverage for a range of preventive services for women with no cost sharing, such as co-pays, deductibles, or co-insurance.¹

What women gain

Number of preventive services women will get with no co-pays that will be phased in starting August 1



Source: "Women's Preventive Services: Required Health Plan Coverage Guidelines," available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines/> (last accessed August 2012).

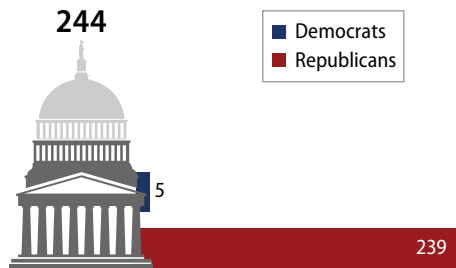
Number of women who will gain access to these services when their plans begin or renew on or after August 1



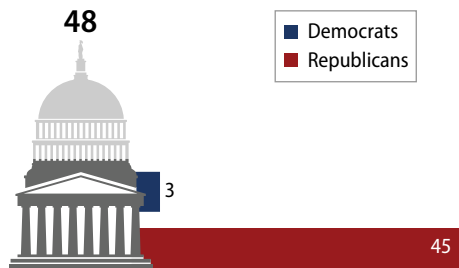
Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Education, *47 Million Women Will Have Guaranteed Access To Women's Preventive Services With Zero Cost-Sharing Under The Affordable Care Act* (Department of Health and Human Services, 2012), available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2012/womensPreventiveServicesACA/ib.shtml>.

Reproductive health still under attack

The number of representatives who voted on July 11, 2012 to repeal the Affordable Care Act and take away birth control and other preventive women's services



The number of senators who voted for the Blunt Amendment on March 1, 2012, which would have let bosses deny birth control coverage to their employees



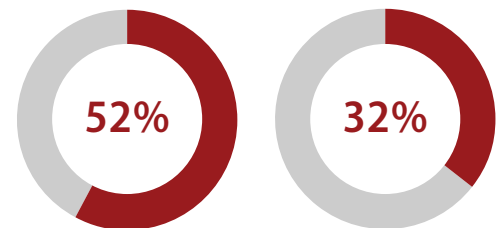
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Why women need these benefits

The percentage of women who

report delaying needed medical care because of cost

report giving up basic necessities to pay for health care expenses



Source: Sheila D. Rustgi, Michelle M. Doty, and Sara R. Collins, "Women at Risk: Why Many Women Are Forgoing Needed Health Care" (New York: Commonwealth Fund, 2009)

States that have tried to undermine contraceptive coverage through legislative or ballot measures



Source: Elizabeth Rich, "State efforts to reject contraceptive coverage laws on religious grounds," Center for American Progress, July 30, 2012.

¹ Benefits will begin in new private health insurance plans that have plan years that start on or after August 1, 2012.

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