



Date: January 31, 2024

Subject: Support for Idaho Senate Bill 1234 - Plans Covering Contraception

To the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Idaho Contraceptive Education Network for Senate Bill 1234. The Idaho Contraceptive Education Network is dedicated to safeguarding access to birth control in our state by sharing stories, educating Idahoans about the crucial role of contraceptives in family planning, and promoting responsible choices to reduce unintended pregnancies. Our organization and members support continued or expanded access to contraceptives in Idaho and we work to spread awareness across the state about their essential role in reproductive health.

The Idaho Contraceptive Education Network recognizes the importance of access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including prescription contraception, as an essential component of overall well-being. We believe that Senate Bill 1234 takes significant steps towards ensuring that individuals have improved access to the necessary resources for family planning.

The proposed legislation defines "prescription contraception" and outlines the requirements for health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025. Specifically, the bill requires plans to provide reimbursement for prescription contraception intended to last six (6) months, obtained at one (1) time by the enrollee, while allowing enrollees to receive prescription contraception on-site at the prescribing provider's office, if available.

We appreciate the emphasis on clinical guidelines and appropriate prescribing and dispensing practices outlined in the bill to ensure the health of the patient while maximizing access to effective prescription contraception. The provisions set forth in Senate Bill 1234 demonstrate a commitment to advancing reproductive health in Idaho.

In conclusion, the Idaho Contraceptive Education Network supports Senate Bill 1234 and believes that its enactment will contribute to the overall well-being of the residents of Idaho by enhancing access to essential reproductive health services. We urge you to consider the positive impact this legislation can have on our state and encourage its passage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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