

HB 2651

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BILL SUMMARY

12-month birth control supply

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#3 Ensuring women have access to the full range of FDA-approved contraceptives of their choice, including the most effective forms of contraception—implants and intrauterine devices (IUDs)—as well as counseling and medically accurate information on the full range of FDA-approved contraceptives.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

This bill has been referred to the House Insurance Committee, and is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, April 20. You can encourage members of the House Insurance Committee to pass HB 2651 out of committee, and advocate for the bill with your House Representative. You can find who your Representative is with this [search tool](#).

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HOW WILL THE BILL IMPROVE WOMEN'S HEALTH?

This bill will help reduce unintended pregnancies, improve health outcomes, and reduce costs for the state by improving continuity of care for women. This bill will increase contraceptive consistency, resulting in lower unplanned pregnancy rates and improved health outcomes for women and babies. Women who plan pregnancies are more likely to receive early prenatal care, have healthier pregnancies, and reduce their risk of having babies born too early or too small.



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Here are some talking points you can utilize when talking or emailing about HB 2651:

- Currently, many health plans restrict prescription contraception supply to one or three months.
- Allowing clients to receive up to a twelve-month supply of prescription contraception at one time is an important step toward strengthening continuity of care.
- Nearly half of all pregnancies in Texas are unplanned.
 - Reducing unintended pregnancy is key to reducing poor birth outcomes and the costs associated with them. Contraceptive continuation promotes healthy, planned pregnancies.
- Women who receive a one-year supply are 30 percent less likely to have an unintended pregnancy compared to women receiving a one- to three-month supply.
- A one-year supply of contraception has also been shown to reduce the likelihood of abortion by 46 percent.