



Ensuring access to birth control post-Roe

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Abortion remains safe and legal in Illinois and birth control remains safe and legal in all 50 states.

Now more than ever, people need to be able to access their birth control method of choice. Routinely ask patients about their contraceptive needs and desires, regardless of the reason for their visit. The more we talk about birth control with our patients, the more normal it becomes!

If you don't provide a method your patient wants, use ICAN!'s Connect2Care form at <https://ican4all.org/ican-referrer-page/> to refer them to a Contraceptive Care Quality Hub providing all methods at low or no cost.

If your patient has questions about their birth control options, invite them to take ICAN!'s Birth Control Quiz: <https://ican4all.org/start-quiz/>.

Proactively ask patients if they would like emergency contraception and condoms to have on hand just in case.

With an expected influx of patients coming to Illinois for abortion care, we must be prudent with unrestricted clinic funds. These dollars should only be used for patients who don't qualify for any other coverage or to help cover birth control for patients who come from out of state.

Medicaid, and soon Medicaid family planning coverage, must be offered to everyone who qualifies. Make sure your enrollment staff and healthcare navigators are trained on eligibility requirements & financial screening protocols.

Eager to take the next step in expanding access for your patients and community? Join us! ICAN! is building a statewide network of providers committed to tackling barriers to same-day access to all birth control methods at low or no cost. Apply today: <https://ican4all.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/ICAN-Quality-Hub-Network-MOU.pdf>

Resources to learn more about patient-centered contraceptive care and coverage:

Modern Contraception and Reproductive Justice

<https://ican4all.org/courses/reproductive-justice-modern-contraception/>

Opportunities for Improved Maternal & Health & Contraceptive Coverage

<https://ican4all.org/courses/opportunities-for-improved-maternal-health-and-contraceptive-coverage/>

Understanding Coverage for Birth Control in Illinois

<https://ican4all.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Understanding-BC-Coverage-in-IL.pdf>

There are many skilled abortion providers in Illinois. If your health center does not provide abortion services, you can connect patients to care by going to abortionfinder.org.