



Pharmacists Provide Access to Care

Birth Control Access in Community Pharmacies



Contraception has been named by the CDC as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.



In 2016, California and Oregon authorized pharmacists to prescribe contraceptives.



Since 2016, four more states have given pharmacists this authority - and many more are considering.



Pharmacists are accessible. 93% of Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy!

More information on states' laws and regulations:



California

Based on a 2013 bill, the California Board of Pharmacy issued a statewide protocol for pharmacist contraceptive prescribing in 2016.



New Mexico

The Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine have issued pharmacist prescribing protocols since 2004. The contraceptive protocol took effect in 2017.

Oregon

Oregon followed California's lead with legislation in 2015. Oregon's authority includes hormonal contraceptive patches and oral therapies.



Hawaii

The Hawaii State Legislature passed a bill in 2017 allowing pharmacists to "prescribe and dispense" hormonal contraceptives.



Colorado

Based on a law passed in 2016, the Colorado Boards of Pharmacy, Medicine, and Nursing jointly issued a contraceptives statewide protocol.



Maryland

Pharmacists will be able to start prescribing contraceptives in Maryland in January 2019, pending the Board of Pharmacy's regulations.