



Policy Priorities for the 87th Texas Legislature

At Every Body Texas, we believe that all people deserve access to safe, unbiased, high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare services.

We advocate for policies and investments in communities across Texas that increase access to care for all people. Our policy priorities for the 87th Texas Legislature are informed by our organization's values and include three areas of focus.

Support the Safety Net

Prioritize critical safety net healthcare programs including Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning Program.

Why it matters:

Title X providers supported by Every Body Texas also participate in state-funded women's health programs and rely on these critical revenue sources to offer robust healthcare services to their clients and communities.

Without adequate funding, safety net clinics will be forced to reduce operations or close—and access to sexual and reproductive healthcare will be lost.

Cutting funding for healthcare services will doubly injure Texans.

Healthcare Coverage

Address healthcare coverage gaps by extending Medicaid coverage for new moms from 60 days to one year postpartum and accepting federal Medicaid funding to offer insurance to low-income adults in Texas.

Why it matters:

Title X providers supported by Every Body Texas serve thousands of uninsured Texans with lower incomes each year.

Millions of Texans have been left without affordable healthcare options, including those who lost job-based coverage during the pandemic.

It is critical for state leaders to reduce the number of uninsured Texans to ensure that our health and economy recover.

We all deserve a healthy future.

Provider + Program Flexibilities

Maintain and adopt new flexibilities that promote increased access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, including telehealth.

Why it matters:

To stay on the leading edge of sexual and reproductive healthcare, Title X providers supported by Every Body Texas need state leaders to adopt policies that promote access to care during and after the pandemic.

Healthcare coverage without access is meaningless.

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