

# A BRIGHTER TEXAS FOR EVERYBODY

AGENDA FOR THE 88TH LEGISLATURE



## PRIORITY 2: CONTINUE TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION

Texas has made substantial investments in improving access to women's preventive health services, including high quality contraceptive care, over the last decade.

Two state programs (Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning Program) provide hundreds of thousands of Texas women with life-saving services each year.

These services include prenatal care, postpartum services, cancer screenings, and contraceptive care. These services have never been more important to the health, safety, and wellbeing of Texas families.

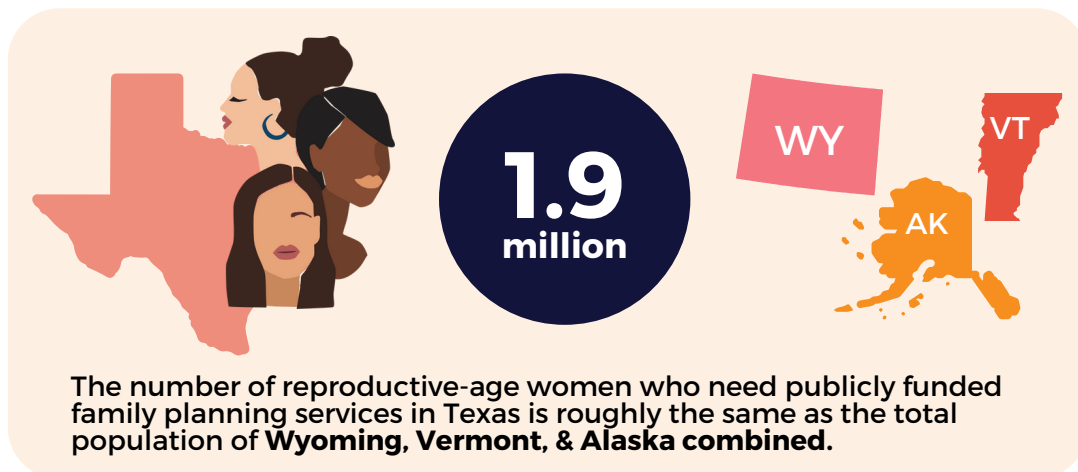
Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the country. Just under a quarter of Texas women of reproductive age are uninsured.<sup>1</sup>

National data estimates that roughly **1.9 million** Texas women of reproductive age need publicly funded reproductive healthcare—roughly the whole population of Wyoming, Alaska, and Vermont combined.<sup>2</sup>

### THE SOLUTION

The Legislature must **continue its commitment to contraception access and women's preventive health services.**

All Texas women deserve access to the full range of contraceptive methods, regardless of their income status or hometown.



1. <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/health-insurance-coverage-of-nonelderly-adult-women>  
2. <https://data.guttmacher.org/states/table?state=TX&topics=145&dataset=data>



# TEXAS FAMILY PLANNING HEALTH PROGRAMS

*Uninsured Texans can access sexual and reproductive care through a handful of statewide programs. These programs are intended to decrease rates of unintended pregnancy, and improve health outcomes for both moms and babies.*



## HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN (HTW)

Serves eligible low-income women ages 18-44 with preventive health services including contraceptive care. **2021: served 190,552 women\***



## HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN PLUS (HTW+)

Serves women in the first year after the end of Medicaid for Pregnant women. Started in 2020, the program aims to prevent and treat common postpartum health conditions that can kill new moms.



## FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM (FPP)

Serves eligible low-income Texans with basic reproductive healthcare. Women can receive birth control, cancer screenings, and limited prenatal care benefits. **Men & women** can receive STI testing & treatment.

**2021: served 108,782 Texans\***



## BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER SERVICES (BCCS)

Serves eligible low-income Texans with high quality breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.

**2021: served 29,232 Texans\***

## CONTRACEPTIVE CHOICE

**Why is it important that all methods are available to Texas women?**

Contraception is not one size fits all. Certain methods that work for one person may be unavailable for medical reasons or personal preference to another.

The pill works well for some women, but you have to remember to take it at the same time every day and can't be used by women with certain common health conditions.

Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) like IUDs and implants are highly effective but only work for those who wish to delay pregnancy for years.

Emergency contraception is a critical option after an assault or the failure of another method, like a broken condom.

All Texas women should be able to access the contraceptive method they want that works best for them.