



WI CAN News Digest

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Wisconsin

[Madison West High School to Pilot Free Condoms for Students](#)

Following an increase in STIs among youth nationwide and in Wisconsin, Madison West High School is implementing a pilot program that will provide free condoms for students. As of 2016, 6.9% of Wisconsin high schools provided free condoms. **7.11.19**

[Gov. Tony Evers Signs Drug Step Therapy Bill](#)

Governor Evers signed Wisconsin Act 12, a bill that streamlines the process for patients to be granted exemptions from step therapy requirements from insurance companies. The changes will apply to providers seeking exemptions for contraceptives. **7.9.19**

[Gov. Tony Evers Signs First State Budget into Law After Issuing 78 Partial Vetoes](#)

Governor Evers signed his first state budget into law, issuing 78 line-item vetoes. The budget did not include Medicaid expansion, which Evers vowed to continue to push for. **7.3.19**

[Gov. Tony Evers Vetoes Four Abortion Bills](#)

Governor Evers vetoed four bills aimed at restricting access to abortion services. **6.21.19**

National

[U.S. Appeals Court Blocks Trump Administration Birth Control Exemptions](#)

A U.S. Court of Appeals upheld an injunction that will prevent an HHS rule from going into effect. The rule would allow employers with religious and moral objections to obtain exemptions from providing coverage of birth control (the "contraceptive mandate"). **7.12.19**

[Federal Appeals Court Allows Abortion-Referral Restriction to Proceed](#)

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Trump Administration's family planning "gag rule" can take effect. The rule prevents facilities that refer for or provide abortion services from receiving Title X funds. Planned Parenthood and the American Medical Association filed lawsuits in March challenging the rule. **7.12.19**

[One Simple Fix Could Prevent Unwanted Pregnancies and Save Millions of Dollars](#)

A study from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the University of Virginia finds providing women with a year-long (as opposed to three-month) supply of birth control decreases unintended pregnancy and reduces associated government costs. **7.12.19**

[Emergency Contraception](#)

The Guttmacher Institute released an overview of state variation in emergency contraception policies. The report includes designation of policies or provisions that expand or restrict access. **7.1.19**

[Insurance Coverage of Contraceptives](#)

The Guttmacher Institute released an overview of federal and state requirements on coverage of contraception. The report includes a comparative chart of coverage provisions by state.

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[Minor's Access to Contraceptive Services](#)

The Guttmacher Institute released an overview of state variation in minor's access to contraceptive services. The report includes provisions or conditions which allow minors to consent to services. **7.1.19**

[Maine to Allow Over-the-Counter Meds in Vending Machines](#)

A bill was signed into law by Maine Governor Janet Mills that will allow pharmacies to seek a license for the sale of OTC drugs in vending machines, including emergency contraception. **6.23.19**

[For Women of Color on Medicaid, Health-Care Options More Likely to Include Catholic Hospitals](#)

A study in the journal *Contraception* found that individuals on Medicaid are disproportionately directed to Catholic hospitals by their insurance plans. These facilities restrict access to some contraceptives and services on religious grounds. **6.21.19**