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Administration Issues Further Guidance on Contraceptive Coverage
A Statement from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

(Washington, DC)—On May 11, the Administration issued further guidance on implementation of the preventive services provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The guidance, in the form of a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) bulletin, includes additional clarification on contraceptive coverage. Specifically, the FAQs make clear that:

- Insurance plans must cover without co-pays or deductibles at least one form of contraception in each of the 18 [FDA approved methods](#) for women.
- Associated clinical services, such as counseling, must be covered without cost-sharing.
- Plans must offer a timely and easily accessible process by which a woman can get the method she and her provider determine is medically necessary if the plan does not otherwise cover that method without cost sharing.
- Plans must cover the full range of preventive services, including contraception for all dependents.

“We’re pleased to see this additional clarification from the Administration,” said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “This will ensure that more women are able to get the contraceptive method that’s right for them without facing cost barriers. Half of all pregnancies in the United States are reported by women themselves to be unplanned (more than 3 million annually). In order to significantly reduce the costs and consequences associated with unplanned pregnancy, it is essential to ensure that women have access to a full range of methods—including low maintenance, highly effective contraceptives like the implant and intrauterine devices (IUDs)—so they can choose the method that works best for them. These FAQs will help women to do just that and we thank the Administration for the clarifications it has provided.”

About The National Campaign. The National Campaign is a private, nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit www.TheNationalCampaign.org to find out more.