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**THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REMINDS ELIGIBLE WOMEN TO  
OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE DURING  
ACA OPEN ENROLLMENT**

*The Affordable Care Act is an excellent way to obtain your  
contraceptive coverage*

**(Washington, DC)**—In the past few weeks, there has been much speculation about the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In the midst of this uncertainty, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy wants to remind women that the ACA is still available and urge all those eligible to enroll during this enrollment season. The ACA open enrollment period to gain coverage for 2017 ends on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

“Since the ACA was implemented, millions of women have gained access to health insurance, including affordable contraceptive coverage,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO, The National Campaign. “In fact, due to the ACA, the uninsured rate among women of reproductive age has dropped by one-third, allowing many young women to access the full range of contraceptive methods without out-of-pocket costs. Any effort to weaken the ACA could reverse the progress we are now seeing in reducing unplanned pregnancies.”

It is estimated that 55 million women have benefited from ACA coverage of preventive services, which includes all FDA-approved methods of contraception without co-pays or deductibles. Despite these impressive coverage gains, any cuts in funding to the nation’s network of safety-net clinics, as well as any threatened rollback of health coverage, could result in dramatic declines in access to effective and affordable contraception.

Recent [research](#) conducted by The National Campaign shows that already nearly 20 million American women live in contraceptive deserts—defined by their lack of reasonable access to public health care sites offering the full range of contraceptive methods. This is despite the fact that 81% of adults (including 70% of Republicans and 90% of Democrats) agree that birth control is a basic part of women’s health care, [according to a survey commissioned by The National Campaign](#).

“We can’t predict the future, but we can tell you that insurance coverage through the ACA remains available,” Ehrlich continued. “It is one of the best ways to strengthen

opportunities not just for women, but for everybody who is eligible. Access to the full range of birth control methods without cost barriers ensures that the next generation is born into families prepared for parenthood. For those who lack health insurance and are eligible, we encourage you not to miss the upcoming deadline and to enroll immediately.”

**About The National Campaign:** The National Campaign is a private, non-profit 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](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org) to find out more.

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