

Governor Reaffirms Support for Reproductive Healthcare

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Gov. Evers announces efforts to expand access to oral contraception, postpartum coverage after pregnancy in SOS. BadgerCare Plus members may access over-the-counter contraception without copays.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers in his 2024 State of the State address Tuesday night announced he is directing the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to issue a standing order that will remove barriers for over-the-counter contraception, including emergency contraception, for BadgerCare Plus members.

Last summer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration [approved](#) the first daily, oral contraceptive pill for use without a prescription, which is expected to be available online and in stores later this year. BadgerCare Plus currently covers over-the-counter emergency contraception and daily contraception with a prescription from a provider. Once this contraception is available on shelves, with the governor's action announced tonight, BadgerCare Plus members will be able to go to any pharmacy carrying it, and the pharmacist will use DHS's standing order to serve as the prescription to cover over-the-counter contraception, including emergency contraception, allowing the patient to receive the medication with no out-of-pocket costs.

Relevant excerpts from Gov. Evers' 2024 State of the State address are available below:

“Every Wisconsinite should be able to access the healthcare they need when they need it. And, yes, that includes contraception.

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