

# What is the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA)?



With the passage of RHEA, Oregon now has one of the most comprehensive reproductive health programs in the U.S. Among other provisions, the bill extends postpartum care coverage for immigrant women covered by CAWEM Plus and provides coverage of a range of reproductive health services for individuals who would otherwise be eligible for medical assistance if not for their immigration status. For more information, visit [www.healthoregon.org/rhea](http://www.healthoregon.org/rhea).

## When does the law take effect?

Different components of the bill go into effect at different times. For full details on when services will be available [www.healthoregon.org/rhea](http://www.healthoregon.org/rhea) and look for the “Timeline” page.

## What services are available through the Reproductive Health Clinic Network?

Low-income individuals, regardless of immigration status, are eligible for free services through Oregon’s Reproductive Health clinic network.

## Where can individuals receive care?

Clients can be referred to clinics in the Reproductive Health Program at [www.healthoregon.org/rhclinics](http://www.healthoregon.org/rhclinics). Clients can also call 211 or text HEALTH to 898211 to find their nearest clinic. This network includes many

local county health departments, Planned Parenthood, federally qualified-health centers (FQHCs), and other community-based health centers.

Individuals may complete a Reproductive Health Program Enrollment Form onsite and receive services and supplies the same day. An individual desiring an abortion who is ineligible for full Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits due to immigration status is able to enroll onsite for coverage at contracted providers.

### Services available include:

- A broad range of contraception, and contraceptive-related services including counseling;
- Well-woman visits;
- Voluntary male sterilization/vasectomy;
- Screenings for breast and cervical cancer;
- Screenings for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- Counseling on STIs, relationship safety, and tobacco use; and
- Abortion.

## What additional services under RHEA are available?

Individuals enrolled in CAWEM Plus have access to the following care for 60 days postpartum:

- Comprehensive medical services, and
- Immediate postpartum reproductive health care, including immediate postpartum IUDs, implants and voluntary female sterilization.

Once the 60-day postpartum coverage period has ended, patients can access a full range of preventive reproductive health services listed in the table above, as well as mammography and screening for genetic cancer risk factors.

In addition, individuals enrolled in CAWEM will be able to access the following services as of April 1:

- Voluntary female sterilization, and
- Hospital-based abortion services.

## Where can individuals receive care for additional services?

Individuals enrolled in CAWEM or CAWEM Plus can get services at any provider who accepts fee-for-service (or “open card”) Oregon Health Plan members. Not all OHP providers accept fee-for-service. The client can call the OHP Nurse Advice Line 1-800-562-4620 for help finding a fee-for-service provider.

### In addition:

- Starting January 1, 2018, full OHP coverage is available to more children and teens younger than 19, regardless of immigration status. For more information, visit [www.OHPnowCOVERSme.org](http://www.OHPnowCOVERSme.org).
- Many private insurance companies currently cover a broad range of reproductive health services with no out-of-pocket costs.

## More questions?

Additional information from the state is available at:

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