

PHARMACIES PRESCRIBING BIRTH CONTROL IN OREGON

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Oregon is one of 18 states to allow pharmacists to prescribe self-administered hormonal birth control (e.g., pills, patch, ring, shot). Approximately 46% of pharmacies in Oregon participate in this program, spread across an estimated 63% of zip codes in the state.¹ Additionally, **10% of new prescriptions** for pills and patches for Medicaid enrollees in Oregon were written by a pharmacist. This confirms that pharmacists are vital to filling the gap in contraceptive coverage.

Policy Impact

These graphics highlight the scale of policy implementation among pharmacies certified to prescribe birth control in Oregon, which is currently the gold-standard among states that have adopted this policy. The first shows the approximate number of zip codes in Oregon that contain at least one pharmacist certified to prescribe birth control one year following legislation. The second graphic shows a heat map depicting the zip code density of birth control prescribing pharmacies that we are aware of across the state. The darker the shading, the more birth control prescribing pharmacies in that zip code.

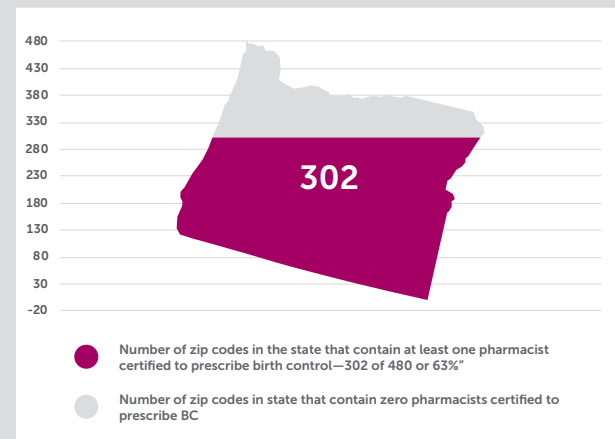
More Information

For more information about pharmacy prescribing in Oregon, see our [interactive map](#). To learn more about pharmacist prescribing of contraception policies, see our [infographic](#) and [fact sheet](#).

Graphics were created using available data from the 2019 U.S. National Pharmacy Market Summary Report from IQVIA, birthcontrolpharmacies.com, research conducted by Dr. Maria Rodriguez, MD, MPH, and colleagues (2018, 2019), and state-level zip-code information. For more details about our methods, [please read](#).

1 Rodriguez MI, Hersh A, Anderson LB, Hartung DM, Edelman AB. Association of Pharmacist Prescription of Hormonal Contraception With Unintended Pregnancies and Medicaid Costs. *Obstet Gynecol*. 2019 Jun;133(6):1238-1246. doi: 10.1097/AOG.0000000000003265. Erratum in: *Obstet Gynecol*. 2019 Jul;134(1):182. PMID: 31135740.

Estimated number of zip codes (63%) in Oregon that contain at least one pharmacist certified to prescribe birth control.



Density of Oregon birth control prescribing pharmacies by zip code

