

# PHARMACIES PRESCRIBING BIRTH CONTROL IN NEW MEXICO

As of February 11, 2021

**New Mexico is one of 18 states** to allow pharmacists to prescribe self-administered hormonal birth control (e.g., pills, patch, ring, shot). Research suggests that approximately 19% of pharmacies in New Mexico participate in this program currently.<sup>1</sup>

## Policy Impact

New Mexico passed this legislation in 2017. These graphics highlight the potential scale of pharmacy prescribing if New Mexico fully adopts and implements this policy. The first shows the estimated number of zip codes in New Mexico that could contain at least one pharmacist certified to prescribe birth control if New Mexico follows in the footsteps of [Oregon](#), the gold-standard among states that have adopted this policy. If this happens, then approximately 269 of 427 zip codes (63%) in the state could contain at least one pharmacist certified to prescribe birth control post legislation.<sup>2, 3</sup>

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 as of January 21, 2021. The darker the shading, the more birth control prescribing pharmacies in that zip code.

## More Information

For more information about pharmacy prescribing in New Mexico, 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, Garg B, Williams SM, Souphanavong J, Schrote K, Darney BG. Availability of pharmacist prescription of contraception in rural areas of Oregon and New Mexico. *Contraception*. 2020 Mar;101(3):210-212. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2019.11.005>

2 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

3 Not all pharmacist-prescribing laws are the same – some are more restrictive than others. Consequently, implementation alone cannot determine a state's ability to reach these estimates.

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



Density of New Mexico birth control prescribing pharmacies by zip code.

