

BCBenefits: A Contraceptive Access Fund

What is BCBenefits?

In 2019, Power to Decide established BCBenefits, a contraceptive access fund to support people in accessing the birth control method that is right for them. BCBenefits works to alleviate cost barriers of birth control access by providing women living at or up to 250% of the federal poverty level access to:

- Gas cards, shared ride vouchers, or other transportation off sets to travel safely to necessary appointments
- Reimbursement for direct costs of contraception that are not covered by insurance.
- Coupons for telehealth appointments and a year's worth of free birth control pills

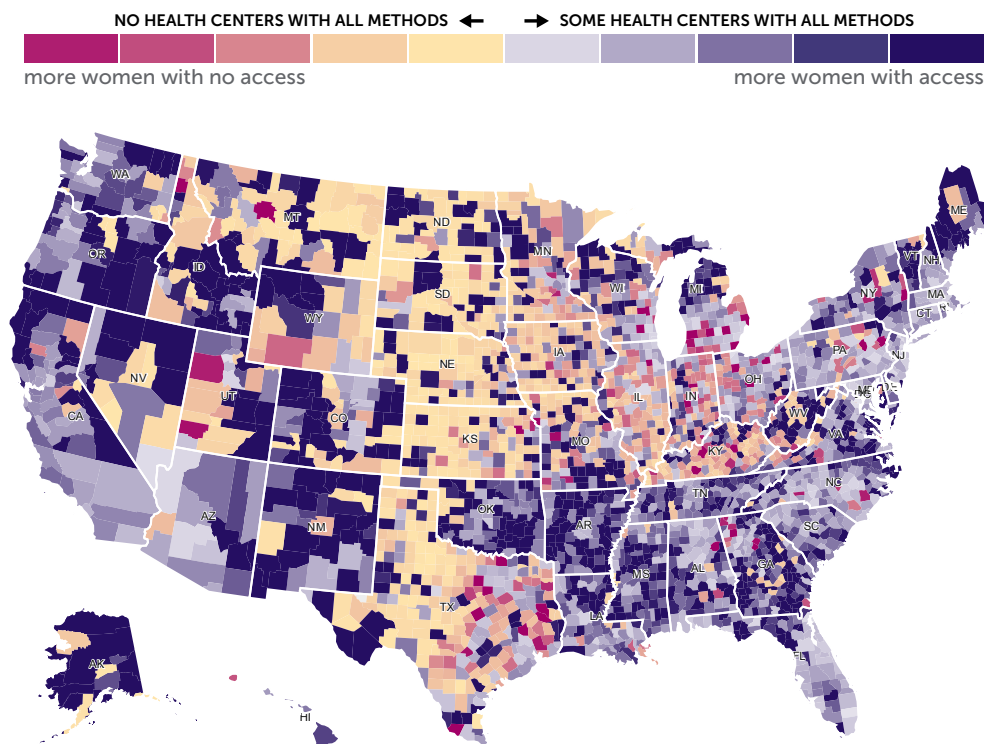
Since its launch in 2019, BCBenefits has given nearly 8 thousand women access to a year's worth of contraception.

Why the Contraceptive Access Fund?

More than 19 million women of reproductive age living in the US are in need of publicly funded contraception and live in contraceptive deserts. Living in a contraceptive desert means that they lack reasonable access in their county to a health center that offers the full range of contraceptive methods.

Around 1.2 million of these women live in a county without a single health center offering the full range of methods. For all of these women, getting contraception means having to do more than showing up to an appointment. They must find a babysitter, take time off work, or travel long distances to access their preferred birth control method.

The map below provides a visual description of where women in need can access birth control—and where they can't—across the country. As the map moves from dark purple to yellow to dark pink, access declines.



How does it work? How do eligible women receive benefits?

BCBenefits is hosted on Bedsider.org, a reproductive health support network that offers information about sexual health and birth control, where to access services, and how to navigate sex, health, and relationships. There is a quick and straight-forward application process, after which applicants are notified of which benefits they have received. Specific benefits vary depending on applicants' annual income, birth control method of choice, and whether they have health insurance or not.

The image shows three sequential screenshots of the Bedsider BCBenefits website. The first screenshot shows the 'see if you are qualified' page with a 'Zip Code' input field and a 'get started' button. The second screenshot shows the 'what you may qualify for' page, listing three benefit options: 'Virtual Birth Control Visit • Birth Control Pill', 'Birth Control Visit • Any Birth Control Method', and 'Roundtrip Ride'. The third screenshot shows the 'see if you qualify' page with a checkmark icon and the text 'you qualify for BCBenefits', followed by a list of benefits: 'visit with a partner health care provider & the birth control pill' and 'Free remote, virtual birth control visit with a partner health care provider'.

Hear what our users have to say!

"Very easy to use. Very easy to navigate website with very fast responses."

"It was discreet, easy, and affordable."

"Such an amazing program to help those who truly need help! Great variety of contraceptives. Great customer service!"

How You Can Help

Do you believe all people, regardless of where they live, should have easy and affordable access to the birth control method that is right for them? Consider supporting BCBenefits and help reduce the financial barriers that make birth control out of reach for millions of people across the country. Consider increasing the number of people who are able to receive BCBenefits by making your gift monthly!

About Power to Decide

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child.

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\$5.00

provides a month of birth control pills to a person in need.

\$25.00

gives a gas card to someone whose nearest clinic is in the next county.

\$50.00

gives a year of birth control pills to a person who needs them from a telehealth provider.

\$200.00

gives birth control pills for a year to four people, delivered right to their homes.