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## Protecting Women's Healthcare

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*We will introduce legislation aimed at protecting critical health services from federal cuts and shedding light on organizations that provide medically inaccurate information.*

## TEN ESSENTIAL BENEFITS

We have **introduced a bill ensuring that health insurance plans offered in the State of Connecticut cover the “10 essential benefits” protected by the ACA.** These benefits include coverage for outpatient care; hospital stays; trips to the emergency room; prenatal care; birth through childhood; prescription drugs; lab tests; and mental health and substance abuse disorder services.

## WOMEN’S PREVENTATIVE SERVICES

This session, we are working to **allow Connecticut to join a growing list of states that protect women’s access to contraception and other preventative health services** with no out-of-pocket cost. More than 746,000 women in Connecticut have gained access to birth control with no out-of-pocket costs under the ACA. There have been multiple attempts at the federal level to roll back this benefit.

## BUILDING ON THE ACA’S PREVENTATIVE COVERAGE

Legislation introduced this year will **expand on the progress in reproductive health made by the ACA by broadening coverage for contraception.** This new legislation will include 12-month prescription coverage and emergency contraception with no co-pay.

## HONORING WOMEN’S HEALTH DECISIONS

On a unanimous vote, the House recently passed House Bill **5148 An Act Concerning Pregnant Patients Exercising Living Wills.** This legislation would repeal a law that supersedes living wills and gives a pregnant woman the right to designate clear and specific directives regarding her health care. It means caregivers would not be allowed to ignore the woman’s living will wishes just because she is pregnant.