



## **Reproductive Health Care Accessibility Act**

### **Reps. Cori Bush (MO-01) & Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)**

For many people with disabilities, access to reproductive health care is significantly hindered by structural barriers such as discrimination, physical and financial barriers, and a lack of inclusion of people with disabilities in the healthcare workforce. People with disabilities are less likely to receive contraception counseling, timely prenatal care, and are at a greater risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes.

The ***Reproductive Health Care Accessibility Act*** would eliminate barriers and strengthen access to reproductive care for people with disabilities by:

- Providing grant funding to carry out training programs for existing health care professionals providing reproductive health care for people with disabilities;
- Providing funding to carry out education and training programs to recruit and train people with disabilities in the healthcare workforce;
- Providing grant funding to carry out sexual and reproductive health care education programs for people with disabilities;
- Establishing a new technical assistance center to provide recommendations and best practices regarding sexual and reproductive health care for people with disabilities; and
- Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a study to analyze reproductive health care for people with disabilities.

While people with disabilities have historically faced discrimination and barriers to achieving full access to health care, the *Dobbs* decision has made it much more difficult for people with disabilities to receive reliable reproductive care. The ***Reproductive Health Care Accessibility Act*** takes significant strides to ensure people with disabilities are at the forefront of the reproductive justice movement.

The legislation is cosponsored by Representatives Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), Katie Porter (CA-45), Rashida Tlaib (MI-13), Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC-00), Jan Schakowsky (IL-09), Dwight Evans (PA-03), Darren Soto (FL-09), Adriano Espaillat (NY-13), Gerald E. Connolly (VA-11), Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09), Sara Jacobs (CA-53), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18), Joseph Morelle (NY-25), Anthony G. Brown (MD-04), Jake Auchincloss (MA-04), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), Mark Takano (CA-41), Jamaal Bowman (NY-16), Mark Pocan (WI-02), and Pramila Jayapal (WA-07).

The legislation is endorsed by: National Disability Rights Network; National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; American Association of People with Disabilities; Center for American Progress; National Women's Law Center; National Birth Equity Collective; National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association; National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health; Rare And Black; Dr. Jamila Taylor, Director of Health Care Reform and Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation; Kimberly Knackstedt, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Disability Economic Justice Collaborative and Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation; URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity; Johns Hopkins School of Nursing; Johns Hopkins Disability Health Research Center; Physicians for Reproductive Health; Catholics for Choice; National Partnership for Women and Families; Power to Decide; Docs With Disabilities Initiative; NARAL Pro-Choice America; National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice; Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Advocates for Youth; Center for Reproductive Rights; National Council of Jewish Women; Autistic Self Advocacy Network; March for Moms; and the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs.

Read the full legislative text [here](#).