

# Two states to allow pharmacists to prescribe birth control

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(HealthDay)—California and Oregon will soon implement groundbreaking laws that enable women to get contraceptives from pharmacists without a doctor's prescription.

This will make it easier for millions of women to have access to birth control, and public health advocates hope similar measures will be introduced across the country, *The New York Times* reported.

In California and Oregon, pharmacists will be able to prescribe [contraceptives](#) after women provide information about their health and medical histories.

Contraceptives prescribed by pharmacists will be covered by insurance, as they are now, *The Times* reported.

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