



We need your voice to STOP SB 1318!

What's all this fuss about SB 1318?

The Arizona Legislature recently convened for the 2015 session, and one of the first things they're coming after is women's health care rights – starting with Senate Bill (SB) 1318.

Currently, women who get their health insurance through the state-based exchange can only get coverage for abortion services by purchasing an optional rider. The exception to the policy is if an abortion is necessary to save the life of the woman or "avert substantial and irreversible impairment" of a woman's body.

SB 1318 would change current law so that women purchasing insurance through the health marketplaces are no longer able to buy the optional insurance rider for abortion coverage.

Clearly, some lawmakers want to decide what our private insurance plans do and do not cover. Some legislators want to take the extreme step of using the power of government to chip away at Arizona women's right to access quality health care – we need to stop this.

The Senate is expected to vote on SB 1318 as early as Monday. [Take action now: Urge your state senator to vote NO on SB 1318!](#)

SB 1318 also states that abortion clinics must provide documentation to prove that a clinic's physician has admitting privileges to local hospitals. And yet, abortion providers are already required by law to have admitting privileges!

The exclusion of abortion care from marketplace plans is bad policy which denies women the option to choose insurance that covers all manner of health care. Moreover, all the time spent on bills like SB 1318 that *harm* women and families leaves the legislature less time to address issues which *help* women and families – issues such as economic opportunity, equal pay, education, and job creation.

[Send a message to your state senator today: It's time for lawmakers to get out of the bedroom and instead focus on policies that will help Arizona thrive and grow!](#)

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