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## Dear Working Group member,

The trend to cover OTC contraceptives without a prescription continues to build with Delaware being the latest state to guarantee coverage of OTC emergency contraception without requiring a prescription for that coverage to kick in. We share more information about Delaware's new law below. We are also pleased to share an [op-ed](#) from Working Group partner Sung Yeon Choimorrow, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum ([NAPAWF](#)), on how efforts to #FreeThePill could help Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) women struggling with birth control use.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## Delaware contraceptive coverage law

This past July, Delaware Governor John Carney signed a contraceptive coverage bill into [law](#). It will require coverage of OTC emergency contraception without a prescription in addition to coverage of other prescription FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices. It will also require coverage for up to a year's supply of contraceptives at one visit.

Daily KOS: [Birth control access in Delaware is getting a major upgrade thanks to new bill](#)

## Media highlights

Working Group partner Sung Yeon Choimorrow of [NAPAWF](#) recently had an [op-ed](#) featured in *Ms. Magazine* on access to contraception for the AAPI community and support for OCs OTC. Click [here](#) to tweet!

*"One way to help women in our communities have more control over when and how they parent, especially low-income and uninsured AAPI women, is over-the-counter oral contraception. The US is among the minority of countries that require a prescription for the birth control pill. Birth control pills are one of the most effective and reliable methods of birth control, and when women have access to low or no-cost over the counter birth control pills, they are much less likely to have an unintended pregnancy."*

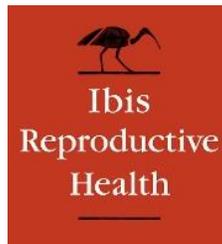
## Signing onto the statement of purpose

Has your organization signed onto our [statement of purpose](#)? Does your organization send a newsletter where you could share information about our work and Free the Pill? Please help us demonstrate the broad support that exists for making OCs available OTC in the United States. [Email Mary](#) to let her know!

## About us

The Oral Contraceptives (OCs) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Working Group is a coalition of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations, nonprofit research and advocacy groups, university-based researchers, and prominent clinicians who share a commitment to providing all women of reproductive age easier access to safe, effective, acceptable, and affordable contraceptives. The working group was established in 2004 to explore the potential of over-the-counter access to oral contraceptives to reduce disparities in reproductive health care access and outcomes, and to increase opportunities for women to access a safe, effective method of contraception, free of unnecessary control, as part of a healthy sexual and reproductive life.

The working group is coordinated by Ibis Reproductive Health.



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