

# Birth control pills without prescriptions in Calif.

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Under a law expected to go into effect by April, women in California will be able to stop by their neighborhood pharmacy and buy birth control pills without a prescription.

Proponents argue that easing women's access to birth control will reduce unintended pregnancies, which make up as many as half of all pregnancies nationwide.

The new initiative is part of a larger effort to simplify America's healthcare system, proponents say, as more people becoming insured under Obamacare look for quick and convenient ways to get medical care.

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