



2023 LEGISLATIVE TRENDS

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STI COPAY ELIMINATION



New Mexico and Colorado lawmakers passed bills eliminating copay or coinsurance costs for patients accessing STI treatment and testing; both bills exclude high-deductible health plans. NCSD will be interviewing policy advocates from both states to generate policy replication guidance.

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PRENATAL SYPHILIS SCREENING

Bills passed in three states expanding prenatal syphilis testing to combat rising congenital syphilis rates. Both Georgia and Oklahoma policymakers passed bills requiring more frequent testing and NY's budget bill included third trimester testing requirements.

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PREP AT PHARMACIES



Policymakers in at least five states introduced legislation to authorize pharmacists to prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, the HIV prevention medication. Arkansas' bill became law, making it the second state in the South to expand PrEP at pharmacies.

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PARENTAL RIGHTS

NCSD tracked and identified at least 80 different bills introduced in state legislatures during 2023 that explicitly centered on "parental rights," including often the right for parents to "direct the education of a minor."

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ANTI-LGBTQ BILLS



According to the [ACLU's tracking](#), 491 anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced by state legislators in 2023. Some of these bills included unprecedented bans on gender-affirming care for youth, curriculum restrictions, e.g. "Don't Say Gay" bills, and rules about drag shows.

QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFO?

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