Restrictions on abortion coverage prevent Roe from being a reality for millions of women across the country. Starting with the Hyde Amendment in 1976, there have been numerous restrictions placed on public and private insurance for abortion, forcing many women to pay out-of-pocket for care. These restrictions are burdensome and significantly impact low-income women, who are often either unable to pay the out-of-pocket cost for abortion care, or are unable to find the funding in a timely manner.

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**Restrictions on federal insurance**

About 2.4 million women ages 15–49 who have health insurance through Medicaid live in states where they cannot use their insurance to cover abortion in most circumstances. Still, more women are affected by other federal restrictions on abortion coverage.

**The Hyde Amendment**

The Hyde Amendment—renewed annually as part of the federal appropriations process—prohibits coverage of abortion care through the federal Medicaid, children’s health insurance program (CHIP), and Medicare programs and paved the way for similar state provisions.

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- **1995**: 11 more states ban Marketplace coverage.
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**State bans on insurance coverage for abortion in most circumstances**

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The National Abortion Federation (NAF) is a non-profit organization that serves abortion providers and supports women’s reproductive rights. NAF is committed to ensuring that every woman has access to safe and effective abortion care. NAF’s mission is to support reproductive freedom through the provision of quality abortion care and advocacy for reproductive rights. NAF provides a range of services to its member clinics, including training, technical assistance, and advocacy. NAF is dedicated to protecting and advancing women’s reproductive rights and ensuring that every woman has access to safe and legal abortion.