



FPC: Family Planning and Contraception

Civil Society perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Best Practice



Context

Chile has made significant strides in enhancing access to **FPC**, implementing key initiatives to address the diverse reproductive health needs of its population. The recent inclusion of contraceptives in the **CENABAST** (Supply Center) law in 2020 and related measures underscores the country's commitment to ensuring affordable and accessible reproductive healthcare. ^{cciii}



Challenge

Despite progress in reproductive health, challenges persist, including the high cost of contraceptives, limited access in certain regions, and disparities in healthcare services.

The Initiatives

Inclusion in CENABAST Law 21.198:

- The law authorizes **CENABAST** to supply private pharmacies and nonprofit organizations, regulating maximum public selling prices.

- Guarantee fair pricing, reducing out-of-pocket expenses for medications, and ensuring wider accessibility for individuals seeking contraceptives, making family planning more accessible.

Expansion of Contraceptive Options:

- State run programs in clinics offer free contraceptives, complemented by a law facilitating direct purchase from pharmacies.

- Empower individuals with a broader range of contraceptive choices, emphasizing their agency in preventing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

- The initiative included the vaginal ring, intrauterine systems, and internal/female condoms.

- Ensure universal access to contraceptives, bridging the gap between clinic-based and pharmacy-based availability.

Affordable Medications List: [cciu](#)

- The goal is to make **27 contraceptive methods** more affordable and reduce economic barriers to their use.

- A list of six contraceptives is available at discounted prices since **March 2023**, ranging from hormonal treatments to subcutaneous implants.

Key Takeaways

Holistic Approach:

The initiatives reflect a comprehensive approach, addressing financial, geographical, and choice-related barriers.

Government-Pharmacy Collaboration:

Collaboration between the government, pharmacies, and clinics enhances the reach and affordability of contraceptives.

Specialized Prosecutor's Office:

Prioritizing a variety of contraceptive options empowers individuals in making decisions aligned with their health needs.

Chile's efforts to improve access to **FPC** showcase a commitment to reproductive health equity. The multifaceted approach, combining legal frameworks, public programs, and collaboration with pharmacies, sets a positive example for countries seeking to enhance reproductive healthcare accessibility.

Fòs Feminista is an intersectional feminist organization centered on the rights and needs of women, girls, and gender-diverse people in the Global South. We recognize that the ability to make free and informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health, including the ability to access safe and legal abortion, is central to gender equity and to the fulfillment of the human rights of women, girls, and all people who can become pregnant.

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