

# Rep. Shankland: To introduce 12-month birth control bill

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MADISON – Tomorrow, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) will introduce legislation that would improve women’s health care access by allowing them to fill their birth control prescriptions for 12 months at a time.

Wisconsin health insurance plans currently only cover prescriptions of birth control for 30 or 90 days, requiring women to return to their pharmacies every few months. This unnecessary limitation is a barrier to contraceptive access for many, especially for those who work multiple jobs or have limited transportation options. Research has shown that dispensing a 12-month supply of birth control can reduce the odds of unintended pregnancy by 30% and reduce abortion rates by 46%.

**WHAT:** Press Conference on 12-Month Birth Control Bill

**WHO:** Rep. Katrina Shankland  
Dr. Cynthia K. Anderson, MD, practicing Obstetrician-Gynecologist  
Taryn Valley, medical student  
Tierra Merritt, student

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 15th at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Assembly Parlor (2nd floor West), State Capitol