

Women and the Affordable Care Act Free Preventive Care for Women*

..... *from your friends at Desert West Ob/Gyn*

The Affordable Care Act, which became effective August 1, 2012, provides new insurance options and covers a number of preventive services for women.

Insurance companies are now required to cover women's preventive care without any copay, deductible or out-of-pocket expense.

Preventive care focuses on evaluating your current health status when you are symptom free. Preventive care also allows for early diagnosis and treatment, to help avoid more serious health problems later on.

What services are included?

- Well woman visits
- Contraception
- Permanent birth control methods: Essure Permanent Birth Control, which can be done in our office, or tubal ligation which is performed in the hospital
- Hormonal and barrier birth control methods: birth control pills, patches, condoms, IUDs (intrauterine device)
- Screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infection (STI), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Other types of screening procedures

When are you eligible?

Contact your health care plan to find out when you become eligible for free preventive care by calling the number on the back of your health plan ID card.

** Some restrictions may apply.
Always, check with your insurance
company before receiving services.*



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