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**Statement from Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the MA Association of Health Plans  
On Health Plan Coverage of Reproductive Health Care**

“MAHP believes that reproductive health care is a vital component of overall health, as exhibited by our past strong support of the state’s ACCESS law ensuring access to contraceptive coverage for residents of Massachusetts regardless of changes at the federal level.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts affords state constitutional protection for the fundamental right to reproductive choice. As such, MAHP member plans will continue to provide comprehensive coverage for abortion services in all small group and individual plans offered in the state, including those plans offered on the Massachusetts Health Connector, and as part of the standard benefit package offered to self-insured businesses. Purchasers will continue to be able to seek a religious exemption as required under state and federal law. For those plans offering coverage in the MassHealth program, abortion services are covered pursuant to state regulation, with federal reimbursement available for certain circumstances.”

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