



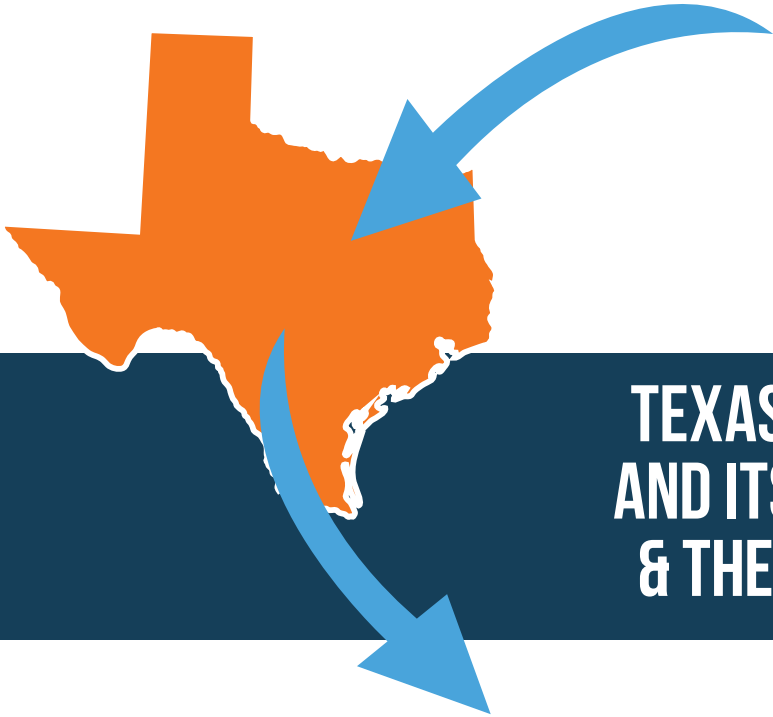
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# ZERO-COST PREVENTIVE CARE FOR CALIFORNIANS & EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR STI SCREENINGS

In the recent Texas case *Braidwood Management v. Becerra*, the Court ruled that the employer requirement to cover pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), medication for HIV prevention, violates the plaintiff's religious rights.



## TEXAS' BRAIDWOOD DECISION AND ITS IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA & THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

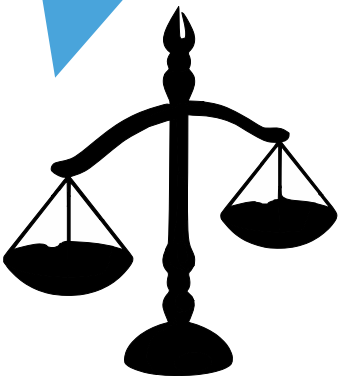
Litigation is ongoing, but *if Braidwood is upheld*:

The federal government's ability to require insurance programs to cover evidence-based preventive services without cost-sharing may be limited.

Employers objecting to PrEP coverage in their health plans would be allowed to exclude coverage.



## THE IMPLICATIONS OF BRAIDWOOD FOR PREVENTIVE CARE BEYOND PREP



Recommendations about preventive services made by expert committees such as the USPSTF\* and ACIP\* and federal agencies such as HRSA\* **may be declared unconstitutional.**



**This case undermines the Affordable Care Act** and its mandate to require most private health insurance plans and all Medicaid expansion programs to cover certain preventive services without cost-sharing.

\* United States Preventive Services Task Force, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Health Resources and Services Administration

## CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1645 PROPOSES TO CODIFY PREVENTATIVE CARE PROTECTIONS AT THE STATE LEVEL

# WHAT DOES CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1645 DO?

1

Strengthens existing state law that prohibits cost-sharing for recommended preventive care—and all of the services and office visits necessary to deliver that care

2

Creates new state law expanding no-cost sexually transmitted infection (STI) screening, making its availability more equitable

## REQUIRES HEALTH PLANS TO COVER SERVICES & SUPPLIES INTEGRAL TO RECOMMENDED PREVENTIVE CARE

### WHAT SERVICES ARE INTEGRAL?



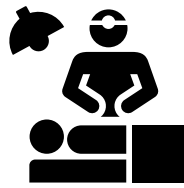
Lab tests for HIV & STIs



Placement, management, & removal of long-acting reversible contraceptives

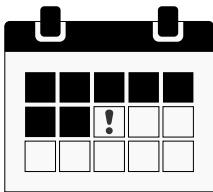


Flu & COVID-19 vaccine administration



Bowel prep medication, anesthesia, & polyp removal during colonoscopies

## REQUIRES *EARLIER* COMPLIANCE WITH NO COST COVERAGE FOR RECOMMENDED PREVENTIVE CARE



Substantially reduces the time allowed for group and individual market health plans to comply with modified CDC and USPSTF recommendations for preventive care

## CLOSES LOOPHOLES TO ENSURE THAT ALL PREVENTIVE CARE VISITS ARE *FREE* TO THE CONSUMER



No costs and zero co-pays when office visits are billed separately from preventive care received at that visit

## CREATES NEW LAW THAT EXTENDS ZERO-COST COVERAGE FOR STI SCREENING

### EQUITABLE STI SCREENINGS FOR AT-RISK GROUPS



Men who have sex with men



People under 18



People with HIV