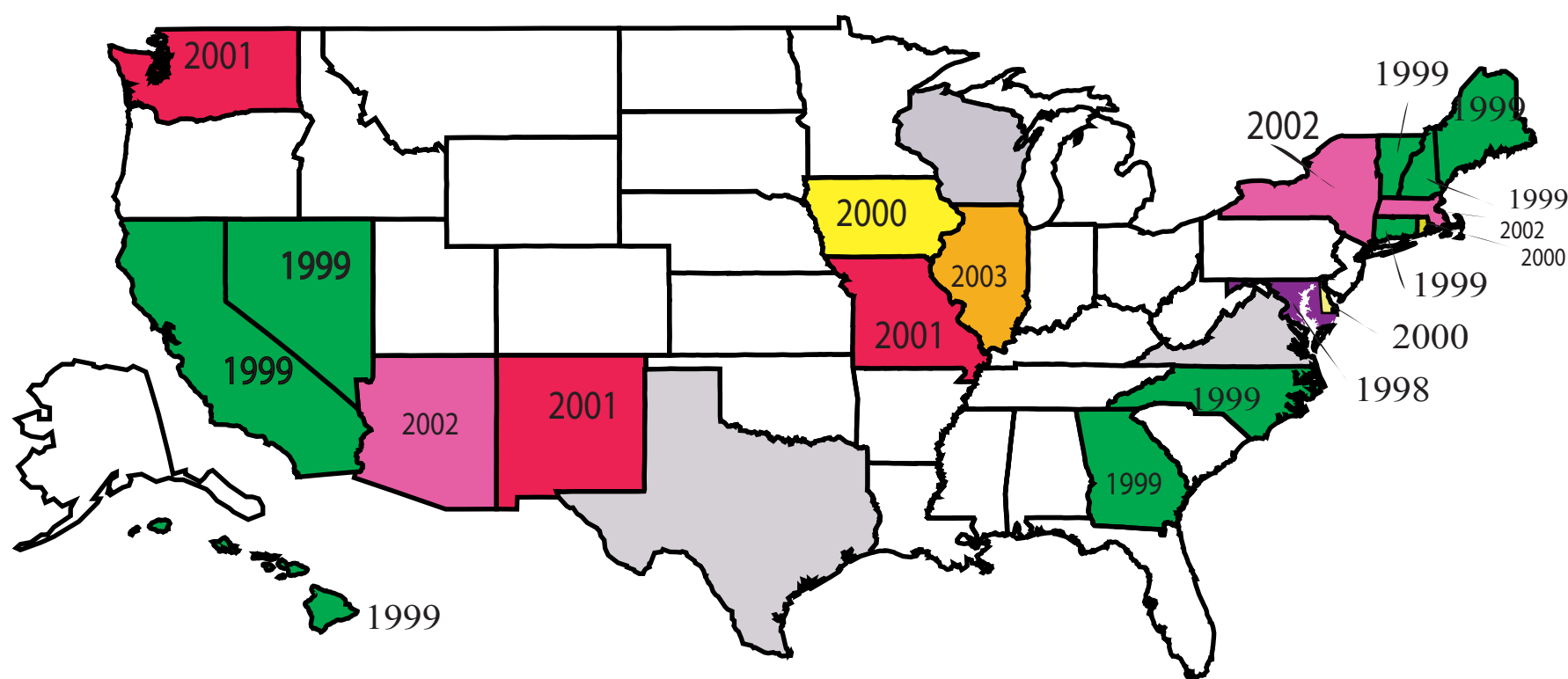


Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Spread of Contraceptive Equity Laws, 1998-2004



- Passed 1998 (MD)
- Passed 1999 (GA, VT, ME, NV, CT, NC, HI, NH, CA)
- Passed 2000 (IA, DE, RI)
- Passed 2001 (NM, MO, WA*) *Contraceptive Equity Rule Signed by Insurance Commissioner
- Passed 2002 (AZ, MA, NY)
- Passed 2003 (IL)

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20 states now fully mandate contraceptive coverage. 3 other states have relevant laws or opinions regarding contraceptive coverage.

♦A 2003 comprehensive insurance reform law designed to expand access to affordable health insurance significantly weakened Texas' 2003 contraceptive equity law by authorizing insurers to issue plans that do not include most state-mandated health benefits, including coverage for contraception. Insurers that offer one or more of these bare-bones plans must also offer a plan that contains all state-mandated health benefits, including contraceptive coverage. S.B. 541, 78th Reg. Sess. (Tx. 2003).

♦In 2003, Wisconsin's Attorney General issued a legal opinion stating that the exclusion of prescription contraceptives from employer-sponsored insurance programs that otherwise provide prescription drug coverage violates the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act as well as anti-discrimination laws applicable to public universities and colleges. (On file with PPFA).

♦A 1997 Virginia law mandates that insurers who issue policies that include prescription drugs must also offer coverage for contraceptives (VA Code Ann. 38.2-3407.5:1).