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### ***Major insurer agrees to stop misleading women about their no-cost IUD benefits***

The Washington State Attorney General's Office recently entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance with Molina Healthcare of Washington. The AOD, filed in Thurston County Superior Court, requires Molina to amend the formularies and preferred drug lists for its Washington health plans to list all covered intrauterine devices, including both copper and progestin-based IUDs.

This consumer protection action stems from a report by Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA), [Contraceptive Coverage in Washington State's Qualified Health Plans](#), that raised concerns that [insurance companies were misinforming women](#) about the full extent of their new reproductive health benefits.

As a result of the NoHLA report, Washington State [Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler](#) pressed every health insurer in the state to correct the problem. All but one company promptly complied. The holdout, Molina, was referred to Consumer Protection Division Assistant Attorney General Audrey Udashen, who handled the investigation and enforcement action.

Northwest Health Law Advocates staff attorney Elisabeth Smith, assisted Ms. Udashen in the investigation, based on the report's findings.

