



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Addabbo's Bill Ensuring Coverage For Prenatal Vitamins Signed Into Law

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Legislation by NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. to expand access to essential prenatal vitamins for New York women signed into law by the Governor. Addabbo's bill (S.1965) would require individual and group medical policies and contracts to provide coverage for prescription drugs, including coverage for prenatal vitamins.

"Today marks a significant step forward for maternal health in New York," Addabbo said. "This law will ensure that women, regardless of their financial circumstances, have access to vital nutrients necessary for a healthy pregnancy. Prenatal care is a personal issue, but it is also a public health priority that deserves our utmost attention and support," Addabbo added.

The new law specifies coverage for prenatal vitamins will be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance consistent with the policies in place. By making prenatal vitamins accessible, the legislation aims to alleviate the financial burden on expectant mothers, promoting healthier pregnancies and outcomes for families across the state.

"Every woman in New York deserves the right to a healthy pregnancy and the support necessary to achieve it," Addabbo said. "This law is about equity in healthcare, ensuring that

all women can access the resources they need during one of the most critical times in their lives.”

This new law is a reflection of New York’s commitment to improving maternal health care and ensuring that women from all socioeconomic backgrounds receive the support they need for healthy pregnancies.

The new law will take effect on January 1st, 2025.