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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER BASSETT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S  
PROPOSED ROLLBACK OF CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE**

**May 31, 2017** – “Contraception is an essential component of women’s healthcare – this is why 99 percent of women of reproductive age have used it. The President’s attempt to roll back the guarantee of contraceptive coverage with no cost is an affront to women’s reproductive rights and an injustice that will be most acutely felt by those who are too often economically marginalized – low-income women and women of color. We will not stand by silently while the White House recklessly threatens to harm women and further deepens health inequities that we as a Health Department have committed to reversing,” said **Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett**.

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