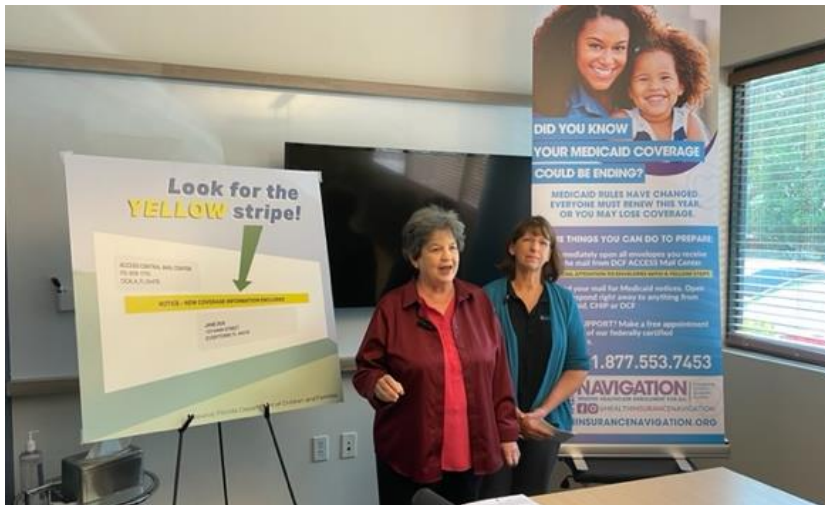




# Frankly Speaking...

## Rep. Frankel Alerts Medicaid Beneficiaries to Potential Loss in Health Care Coverage



Representative Lois Frankel [held a press conference](#) to alert Palm Beach County residents to potential losses in Medicaid health care coverage. During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress prohibited states from removing anyone from Medicaid. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, states can begin re-evaluating eligibility and removing people who are no longer eligible. In Florida, **Medicaid recipients once again need to reestablish their eligibility every six months.**

**All Medicaid beneficiaries must ensure Florida’s Department of Children and Families (DCF) has their updated information in order to keep their health care coverage.**

Beneficiaries can update their information directly in their [DCF online account](#) or update their information by mail by filling out the form DCF sent them in a yellow-striped envelope. Patients can also contact a [patient navigator](#) or their health care provider for assistance.

**If you do not update your information by April 30<sup>th</sup>, you may lose your coverage starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

“All Medicaid patients are currently being redetermined for eligibility. Don't wait until you are sick to make sure you have your Medicaid coverage. If you are currently on Medicaid, you must make sure that the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) has your updated mailing address and contact information, and you must respond to any letters you receive in the mail in order to maintain your benefits,” **said Rep. Frankel.** “Unless you know that you have been requalified in the past six months, take action now to ensure you don’t lose your health care.”

**To be eligible for Florida Medicaid, you must:**

- Make less than \$19,392 as a single-person household.
- Make less than \$26,228 as a household of 2.
- Make less than \$39,900 as a household of 4.

**AND, you must also be one of the following:**

- Pregnant;
- Blind;
- Responsible for a child 18 years of age or younger;
- 65 years of age or older; or
- Have a disability or a family member in your household with a disability.

**Patients who are no longer eligible for Medicaid may be eligible for other health care options.**

Patients can contact [patient navigators](#) for more information. Some providers may also be able to answer questions.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATIONS EXPIRED AT THE END OF 2022.**

You are still registered to vote but if you want to vote by mail, you must re-register. You can do so by going to any of the elections offices below:

- Main Office 240 S. Military Trail West Palm Beach 33415 Number: 561-656-6200
- South County 345 S. Congress Avenue Room 103 Delray Beach 33445 Number: 561-276-1226
- North County 3188 PGA Blvd. #2401 Palm Beach Gardens 33410 Number: 561-624-6555
- West County 2976 State Road #15 Second Floor Belle Glade 33430 Number: 561-992-1114

Or you can call the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200 and be sure to have your license or social security card for the call.

YOU CAN ALSO RE-REGISTER FOR VOTE BY MAIL ONLINE AT [VOTEPALMBEACH.GOV](https://www.vote-palm-beach.gov)

**Rep. Frankel Announces Nearly \$1 Million Grant to Support Early Cancer Detection**

Representative Lois Frankel was joined by Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker and Palm Beach County public health leaders to announce a nearly \$1 million grant for the Promise Fund of Florida. This investment is one of 15 local non-profit projects Rep. Frankel submitted for funding through the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding process and will support early breast and cervical cancer detection and treatment at FoundCare and Genesis Health Care Clinic.

For video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks, [click here](#).

Below are excerpts of Rep. Frankel's remarks, as delivered:

*"We are putting people over politics, and we were very fortunate last year in Congress that we put in an unprecedented amount of money into what we call*



*Community Projects, where Members get to work for their community and bring back grants to them.*

*And that's why I'm so excited to be here and get to the announcement, which is that we are going to save lives. The lives of our mothers, our grandmothers, our sisters, and lots of women's lives are going to be saved with what we are going to announce today. Promise Fund is receiving almost a million dollars, which is part of the funding that [they're] going to get this year, to increase access to cervical cancer [and other early cancer screenings] for our under-resourced communities.*

[...]

*Florida ranks last, not second to last, but last, for women under 65 in the United States who are insured. Keep in mind— survival rates, if we get there in the early stages of cervical and breast cancer, is like 99%, so much has been done.*

[...]

*So we're very, very blessed to [have these organizations here] because, as I said, they're not only saving lives, but they're saving the stress and the expenses in the health care system, because it's much less expensive to catch a cancer than to have to treat a cancer."*

## **Rep. Frankel Speaks Out Against Florida's Proposed Six-Week Abortion Ban**

Representative Lois Frankel was joined by Former Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Laura Goodhue, Executive Director of the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, to speak out against Florida's proposed six-week abortion ban, which Republicans are advancing through the Legislature.



For video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks, [click here.](#)

Below are excerpts of Rep. Frankel's remarks, as delivered:

*"It's time to get straight to the point. Women—not politicians—should have the freedom to decide whether, when, & with whom to start or grow a family. And having legal access to contraception &*

*abortion is part of that freedom. And let me make it clear: 8 in 10 Americans agree with the right to access to legal abortion.*

*And as Laura said, Florida currently has an onerous 15-week abortion ban. One that even forced a 15-year-old victim of incest to flee this state to get an abortion. Forcing a 15-year-old to have to flee this state is very cruel and just a peek into what's going to happen here with this six-week ban.*

*Because if it goes into effect, which we expect it will, it's going to be a horror show for the women here, for the women of the South, and for their doctors. Because a six-week ban is equivalent to basically banning abortion, since so many women do not even know they're pregnant until after six weeks.*

[...]

*So you ask yourself, if you are here, just in West Palm Beach, you find yourself pregnant, you are unable, not ready, for whatever your personal reason is, if you cannot bring a child into the world or another child into the world, what do you do? Where do you go?*

[...]

*And it's not only about the women [of Florida] and the women of the South, but their doctors. Because Florida will punish doctors who may be trying to save a woman's life, with five years in prison or a \$5,000 fine. So what you will find is that health care providers who are treating women are going to have to decide, do they save their patient's life or do they protect their own freedom.*

*So, I'm going to end as I started and I'm just going to say this again: Women—not politicians, not the Governor, not the Legislature—should have the freedom to decide when, how, & with whom to start or grow a family."*

## Rep. Frankel Discusses Supporting Israel, Women and Girls with Secretary Blinken



Representative Lois Frankel participated in a State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee Hearing with Secretary of State Antony Blinken. She discussed the State Department's efforts in protecting access to reproductive health care, funding women and girls' education, and supporting Israel's security.

Below are excerpts of Rep. Frankel's opening remarks and questions. For a video of Rep.

Frankel's full remarks and Secretary Blinken's answers, [click here](#).

*"Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Mr. Secretary for your service. Let me start quickly with something which I think we have very good bipartisan support and then I'll move to something where there might be a little anxiety in the room.*

*First, Israel. Thank you. I can tell you I fully support your budget for U.S. assistance to Israel, which includes the \$3.3 billion in security assistance which is part of the Memorandum of Understanding followed by both Obama, Trump, now the Biden Administration. I just wanted to say for the record, that I would expect and hope that, I know there is some political conflict internally in Israel, but that should not affect our full support in terms of Israel's security.*

*Then on the next subject. My, my, my. I know we're going to go again on this, which has to do with women and making sure, in my opinion, that women are in control of their own personal decisions on whether or not, or how and when, to bring a child [into the world] and so forth. So I want to ask you a couple things about the budget:*

*First, and I think this also ties in with the fact that rape and sexual abuse is being used as a weapon of war, especially we know in Ukraine, and yesterday we met with women from Afghanistan. So first, I do believe there is going to be an issue in terms of cuts to family planning and to UNFPA, I'd like to get your opinion on what that would mean in terms of security and in terms of women.*

[...]

*We just had a bipartisan Women, Peace, and Security Caucus meeting with women from Ukraine who were explaining to us that of course not only many of them had to flee the country, but now many women are actually in charge of so many things, and making sure things happen in the country because so many men are off fighting. So obviously getting them the [support] that they need.*

*I want to say the same thing about education. There are so many girls out school in the world, especially because of what happened with COVID, I'd like you to comment about that."*

## Rep. Frankel Opposes Republican Bill that Endangers Teachers, Harms Students

Representative Lois Frankel took to the House Floor to speak out against *H.R. 5*, a harmful Republican bill that copies Florida's dangerous and extreme book ban and censorship laws.

For video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks, [click here](#).

Below are Rep. Frankel's remarks, as delivered:

*"Thank you, Mr. Speaker.*

*Today, I rise as a mother who went to many parent-teacher meetings, and a few sessions with the principal, and a grandmother who just loves to see my own child's engagement in my grandchildren's education.*



*But today, the Congressional Republicans are mimicking my home state [of] Florida's extreme, right-wing, cruel policies.*

*Alarmingly and sadly, in Florida, lawmakers are banning books, they're threatening to jail teachers, they're bullying LGBTQ+ students, and they're suppressing history.*

*In Florida, a teacher can actually go to jail for putting a book about Rosa Parks or the Holocaust on a child's table. Teachers can be fined for comforting a gay child who is being teased for her [sexuality], schools can lose funding if they promote diversity, or they teach Black history.*

*Really?!*

*Mr. Speaker, parents want guns banned, they want their children to feel nurtured, they want their teachers to be paid well.*

*And I yield back."*

## ICYMI: Rep. Frankel Discusses Importance of Global Education, Nutrition with Secretary Yellen



Representative Lois Frankel participated in a State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee Hearing with Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen. Rep. Frankel asked Secretary Yellen about the United States' foreign policy goals in advancing education and nutrition around the world.

Below are excerpts of Rep. Frankel's opening remarks and questions. For a video of Rep. Frankel's full remarks and Secretary Yellen's answers, [click here](#).

*"Thank you, Mr. Chair and Secretary Yellen, for your great service to our country.*

*I just want to emphasize what you already said: That the President's budget will enable the Treasury to drive a strong US-led international finance system that can take decisive action in combating many of the global threats that challenge our security, whether it's climate change, the global food crisis, energy security, poverty, the economic shocks of COVID-19, and Russia's war in Ukraine. And I think it's important for people to understand the connection between what we do to try to reduce these threats and our life here at home.*

*So the first question I want to ask you is what happens when people are hungry, how does that affect our security?*

*[...]*

*You talk about helping small countries manage their finances, why is that important to us?*

*[...]*

*You mentioned education, and as a big concern, especially with the conflicts we've seen around the world, generations are just losing education. There's an estimate of something like 242 million children and youth worldwide are out of school, just in 2021. Just common sense, understand the consequences of when children don't go to school. Because we know that when they do, their outcomes are they're healthier, more prosperous, their communities are safer. Can you speak about the role that the multilateral development banks play to further US foreign policy goals on global education?"*

## Photo Gallery



Rep. Frankel Celebrating 2023 Palm Beach Pride



Rep. Frankel Hosting an Equal Pay Day Press Conference



**EQUAL WORK, EQUAL PAY**

- Women earners make around 84 cents for every dollar a man makes in the US.
- Current rates estimate that it will take 237 years to close the global gender pay gap.
- 28% of women have found that they were being paid less than a male colleague.
- The gender wage gap in the US has not moved in over two decades.
- Women are still 3 to 8 times more likely than men to have their employment affected by caregiving responsibilities.

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Rep. Frankel Meeting with Palm Beach County Firefighters

Rep. Frankel Joins Democratic Leadership in Calling for Commonsense Gun Legislation



Rep. Frankel Speaks at a Press Conference for Women's Reproductive Freedom

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