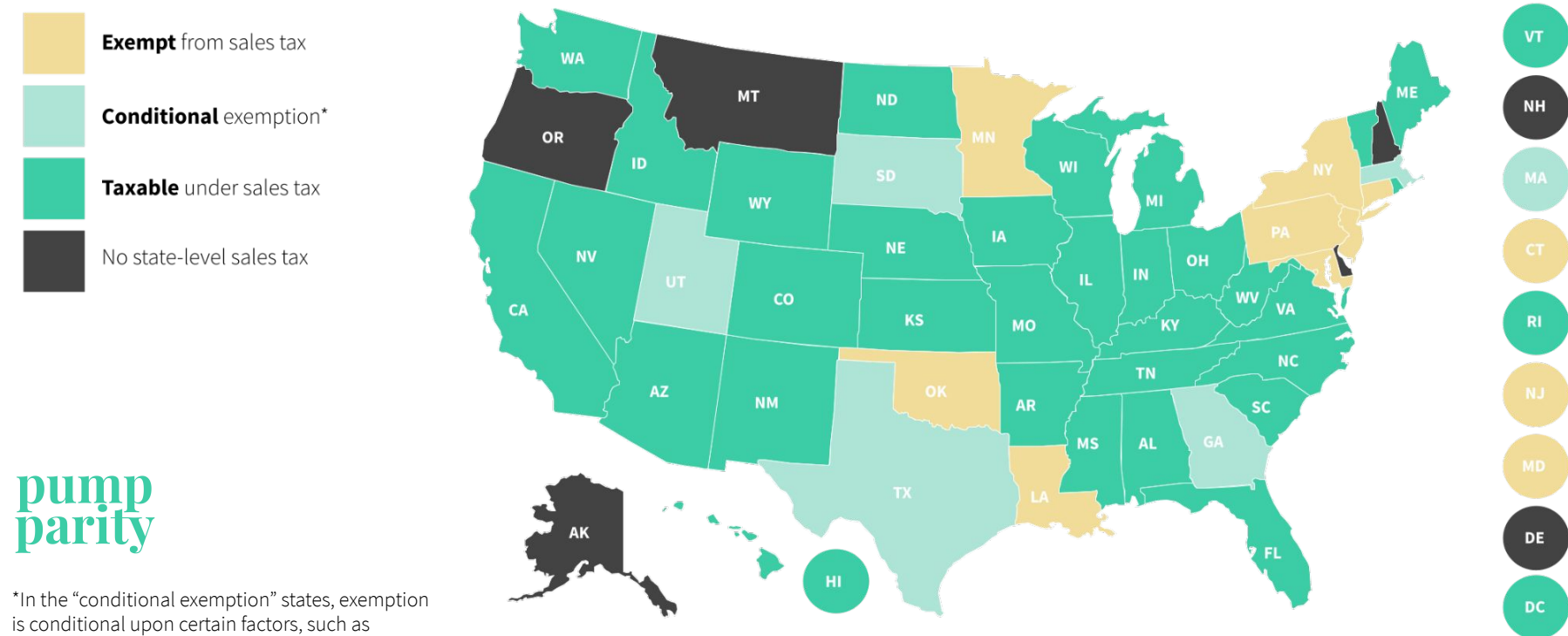


States Should Exempt Breast Pumps from the Sales Tax

Most states impose sales tax on breast pumps — which means nursing mothers have to pay sales tax on their breast pumps and supplies. Yet nearly every state appropriately exempts infant formula from the sales tax. Good tax policy means tax parity between breastfeeding supplies and formula.

Breast pumps are basic necessities for breastfeeding mothers, especially for working moms that have returned to the workforce and have chosen to breastfeed beyond the initial maternity leave period (or those who have little or no maternity leave), or for a variety of other reasons (such as when infants are premature and unable to latch, for example).

The fix is simple: states should exempt breast pumps and supplies from sales tax. A qualified exemption — whether based on medical necessity, pursuant to a prescription, provided under the state Medicaid program, etc. — is insufficient. **Breast pumps and supplies should be exempt from sales tax without restriction. Period.**



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*In the “conditional exemption” states, exemption is conditional upon certain factors, such as whether it was obtained with a prescription or Medicaid status, for example. In other words, there are stipulations women must meet before they can obtain a tax-free breast pump.