

The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) is a membership organization representing providers and administrators committed to helping people get the family planning education and care they need to make the best choices for themselves and their loved ones. NFPRHA works to enhance the ability of health professionals to provide high-quality family planning care through training and advocacy.

Strengthening Resources for Providers

Public funding for family planning and sexual health services – through Title X, Medicaid, the section 330 federally qualified health center program, federal block grants, and state funding programs – is essential to the survival of the family planning safety net upon which millions of people rely. NFPRHA encourages federal and state governments to prioritize funding for these critical services and to implement laws and policies that help ensure the financial viability of the safety net providers that deliver these essential services.

- Provide at least \$327 million in fiscal year 2018 for the Title X family planning program.
- Oppose efforts to weaken Medicaid by cutting funding or changing the structure of the program, such as through block granting the program or instituting per capita caps, which will shift Medicaid costs to states. Such reductions in needed funding would likely eliminate protections for enrollees and force states to cut benefits, lower eligibility levels, or decrease provider reimbursement.
- Support efforts to preserve coverage for individuals who gained it under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Protect the 340B drug pricing program by reinforcing congressional intent that the program is meant to allow safety-net providers to enhance their capacity to serve patients by maximizing reimbursement and leveraging savings.
- Maintain funding for other public programs that support the public health and social services safety net.

Protecting Network Integrity

For decades, family planning administrators, both governmental and non-governmental, have established service delivery networks that include a range of providers – state, county, and local health departments as well as hospitals, family planning councils, Planned Parenthoods, federally qualified health centers and other private non-profit organizations. These networks vary widely across communities because they were specifically established to provide the most effective care to their specific patient populations.

- Oppose efforts to exclude family planning providers from essential public health programs for reasons unrelated to their qualifications to provide funded services.
- Support the stability of the health care service delivery system and the health insurance marketplace by ensuring that the ACA remains in place or is replaced by a program that preserves access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance over the long term.

Patient Access and Affordability

NFPRHA believes that all people – regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, employer, or insurance status – should have timely access to affordable, confidential, high-quality, family planning and sexual health care.

- Oppose efforts to restrict access to abortion care or contraceptive services and supplies.
- Preserve requirements that health plans cover essential health benefits, including contraceptive coverage without cost-sharing.
- Support legislation that would increase vulnerable populations' access to health care.