National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

2018 Policy Priorities

The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) is a nonprofit membership organization established to ensure that poor and low-income people have access to high-quality family planning and sexual health care. Its members include state and local health departments, hospitals, family planning councils, federally qualified health centers, Planned Parenthood affiliates, and other private nonprofit agencies. NFPRHA's members rely on resources from public programs, most prominently Medicaid and the Title X family planning program, to provide care to as many patients as possible.

Increase Resources for Public Health Providers

Public funding for family planning 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, state, and local governments to prioritize funding for these critical services and implement policies that help ensure the financial viability of the health care providers that deliver this preventive care through the following programs:

- **Title X:** Support minimum appropriations of \$327 million in fiscal year 2019, recognizing that the program would need at least \$737 million annually to meet the needs of just the women who are in need of publicly funding family planning services.
- Medicaid: Oppose efforts to weaken Medicaid through funding cuts or changing the structure of the program through block grants and/or per capita caps, which would shift costs to states. Such funding cuts would likely eliminate protections for enrollees and force states to cut benefits, lower eligibility levels, or decrease provider reimbursement. Support adequate reimbursement for providers.
- **340B drug pricing program:** Reinforce congressional intent that the program is meant to allow safetynet providers to enhance their capacity to serve patients through maximizing reimbursement and leveraging savings.

Protect Access to Services through Program and Network Integrity

For decades, family planning administrators, both governmental and non-governmental, have established service delivery networks that include a diverse range of providers able to meet the unique health needs of the communities they serve. NFPRHA supports policies that ensure patients are able to receive the care they need from the highly qualified providers they trust.

- Diverse Range of Providers: Oppose efforts to exclude family planning providers from essential public health programs for reasons unrelated to their qualifications to provide funded services, including but not limited to their provision of abortion services.
- **Title X**: Support efforts to maintain the program requirement that funded entities offer a wide scope of family planning services, including a broad range of contraceptive methods. Support efforts to ensure confidential services remain accessible to all, regardless of age and immigration status.
- **Medicaid**: Preserve patients' freedom to seek care from the family planning provider of their choice.
- Affordable, Meaningful Health Care Coverage: Support efforts to preserve coverage for individuals who
 gained it through Medicaid expansion and the health insurance marketplaces under the Affordable
 Care Act. Ensure people continue to have access to the full range of preventive services, including
 contraception, with no cost-sharing.

NFPRHA works to support a publicly funded family planning network that ensures that all people – regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, employer, or insurance status – have access to affordable, confidential, and high-quality family planning and sexual health care.