

Updates on National Campaigns to Advance Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice

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Agenda

- Overview of our three national campaigns
- Panel questions
- Audience questions



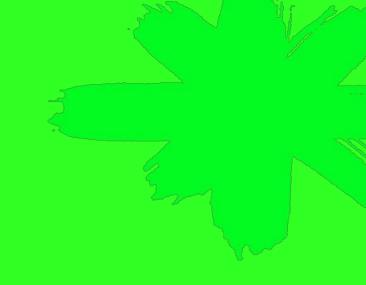


Jessica Pinckney, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda

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"I would certainly like to prevent, if I could legally, anybody having an abortion, a rich woman, a middle class woman, or a poor woman. Unfortunately, the only vehicle available is the [Medicaid] bill."



HYDE HURTS WOMEN

The Hyde Amendment denies federal insurance coverage of abortion, making abortion unaffordable for women enrolled in Medicaid and other public healthcare. Without the ability to afford it, the right to abortion is meaningless.

Here's how this hurts low-income women of color and young women







1 in 5 young people, ages 18-24 (eligible)3



1 in 5 Asian American and Pacific Islanders⁴

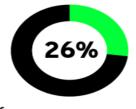
Enrolled in Medicaid











of young women⁵ (ages 18-24)



Live at or below the poverty line⁶

Hyde keeps women enrolled in Medicaid from being able to afford abortion care.



#BeBoldEndHyde

¹ https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/issue-brief/the-hyde-amendment-and-coverage-for-abortion-services/

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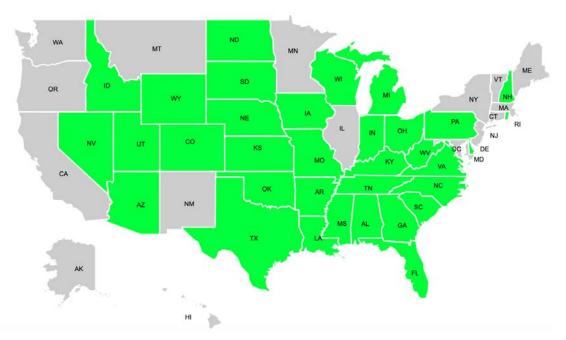
³U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Age and Sex of all people, 18-24 years, Below 138% of poverty ⁴ https://www.napawf.org/uploads/1/1/4/9/114909119/stillfiercestillfighting.pdf

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⁶ https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Poverty-Snapshot-Factsheet-2017.pdf

- Harness the energy of supporters who want to take a bold stand;
- Protect policies in the 15 states that currently
 offer vital care through state Medicaid coverage
 for women who are struggling to get by;
- Motivate policymakers to stop new attacks on coverage and overturn restrictions such as the Hyde amendment;
- Accelerate the long-term culture shift we need to ensure accessible abortion care.

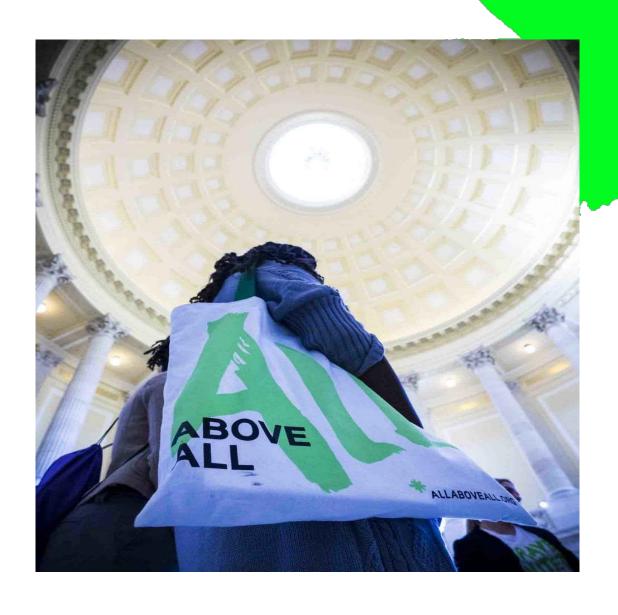
State Medicaid Coverage



- 16 states use state dollars to cover abortion services
 - Recent additions include Illinois and Maine

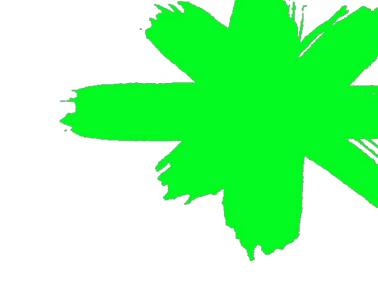
Working with Policymakers: EACH Woman Act (HR 1692/S 758))





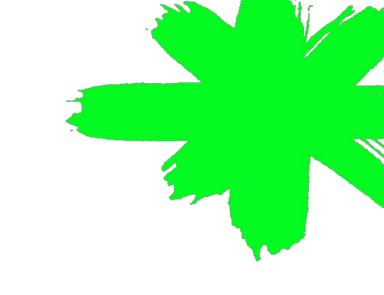
Where does Hyde live?

- Labor-H
 - Medicaid
 - CHIP (reauthorized)
 - Medicare
 - o IHS
- FSGG
 - FEHBP
 - o D.C. Medicaid
- SFOPS
 - Peace Corps
 - o Helms





- DoD
 - Tricare
- VA
 - Veterans Health Administration
- DHS
 - o ICE ban
- CJS
 - Correctional facilities







Equal Access to Abortion, Everywhere

Hannah Wheelwright, Federal Policy & Advocacy Strategist Center for Reproductive Rights

Background on WHPA

What is the Women's Health Protection Act?

- Federal legislation to protect the constitutional right to access abortion by creating a nationwide safeguard against bans and medically unnecessary restrictions that single out abortion care and impede access
- WHPA works by establishing a statutory right for health care providers to provide, and for their patients to receive, abortion care free from medically unnecessary limitations and bans (e.g. pre-viability bans, TRAP laws)

Background on WHPA cont.

- First introduced in Congress in 2013; reintroduced in May 2019
- **Works in concert with the EACH Woman Act**





Act for Women Campaign

- Launched in 2015; now 100+ local, state, and national organizations across the country. The Act for Women Campaign's goals are to:
 - Raise awareness among federal policymakers that the growing assault on access to abortion care is a national crisis, not limited to a few states
 - Position WHPA as a critical policy response at the federal level
 - Demonstrate to policymakers the broad and powerful coalition of the reproductive health, rights, and justice movements unified in support of this bill





Campaign member spotlight



Feminist. Local. Independent.







Today, we were honored to welcome Congressman Jared Golden into the Center to speak with Mabel's staff, board, and volunteers. We discussed the importance of the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) -an act that would create a safeguard against restrictive laws that target abortion care- and urged him to support the bill in the House.

You can learn more about the WHPA here: https://www.actforwomen.org/thewomens-health-protection-a.../

Thank you for visiting Mabel's, Congressman Golden!





Because of Act for Women







WHPA reintroduced

House Subcommittee Hearing House Committee Mark-up(s)

House Vote

Senate

Signed into law

May 23, 2019



Feb. 12, 2020













Equal Access to Abortion, Everywhere

Questions?



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Q & A

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