118th Congress Policy Priorities

Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

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The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) is a non-partisan, non-profit membership association that supports the work of family planning providers and administrators, especially in the safety net. NFPRHA membership includes nearly 1,000 entities that operate or fund more than 3,500 health centers that deliver high-quality family planning education and preventive care to millions of people every year in the United States. As a leading expert in publicly funded family planning, NFPRHA provides subject-matter expertise to policymakers, health care providers, and the public and offers its members capacity-building support. NFPRHA urges the Biden-Harris administration and Congress to continue to protect the integrity of the Title X family planning program & Medicaid and to make every effort to protect the legitimacy and legality of contraception as reproductive health providers navigate the post-*Dobbs* landscape and people face evergrowing barriers to abortion and contraceptive care.

Protect Access to Care

The COVID-19 pandemic and harmful policies put in place by the Trump administration devastated access to family planning and sexual health services. The Biden administration has taken significant actions to restore access, but more must be done.

- Title X Family Planning: Maintain access to Title X-funded services for as many people as possible, including pushing back on attempts to undermine the confidentiality protections unique to the program for all patients, including minors. Protect the integrity of the program and continue its strong commitment to nondirective options counseling, including abortion referral upon request.
- **Health Care Refusals:** Ensure that people can access high-quality family planning and sexual health services without fear of individual or institutional refusal to provide or cover needed care.
- Medicaid: Enforce Medicaid's free choice of provider protections in all states to ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries can seek care from the family planning provider of their choice. Lay the necessary groundwork in advance of FDA approval of the first over-the-counter oral contraceptive pill so that all people who seek it, including those with Medicaid coverage, can access that method without financial or operational barriers.
- Provider Nondiscrimination: Ensure robust participation of safety-net family planning providers by prohibiting discrimination against highly qualified, trusted providers.
- **Contraceptive Coverage:** Take all needed steps to ensure that everyone has access to coverage of the contraceptive method(s) of their choice without cost-sharing, regardless of their source of insurance.
- **Abortion:** Take all possible steps to ensure access to abortion care, including medication abortion care, for people across the country.

Increase Resources for Public Health

Public funding for family planning helps reduce health disparities and meet unique health needs of millions of people across the country who might otherwise lack access to care.

- **Title X:** Increase funding for the program and safeguard against any efforts to weaken the program through the annual appropriations process.
- Medicaid: Require Medicaid and other public health insurance programs to cover comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, by eliminating the Hyde amendment and similar policy riders.
- **340B Drug Pricing Program:** Reinforce congressional intent that the program is meant to support increased access for patients by maximizing provider reimbursement and leveraging savings.
- Services for Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention and Treatment: Support increased funding for programs that offer prevention and treatment services for sexually transmitted infections.