

5 Things You Need to Know about the Title X Rule

1. Patients will no longer be guaranteed nondirective counseling on all of their pregnancy options. Only certain medical professionals would be allowed to provide patients with counseling on all of their pregnancy options, including abortion. Registered nurses, social workers, behavioral counselors, and education staff, will no longer be allowed to fulfill this role.

2. Referral for abortion care is prohibited. Even when a patient specifically asks for a referral, a provider can only give the patient a list of comprehensive primary care providers who may or may not provide abortion, and the list cannot indicate which, or even if any, of the providers on it actually offer abortion care.

3. Regardless of their patients' wishes, health care providers will be forced to refer all pregnant patients for prenatal care.

4. The rule encourages participation of providers with religious and moral objections to providing core Title X care and opens the door to projects that refuse to offer a broad range of FDA-approved contraceptive methods.

5. The final rule will pressure Title X providers to compel adolescent patients to share information about who they have sex with and include their parents in their family planning care, and will prompt inappropriate screening and over-reporting by providers that will harm patients and undermine the provider-patient relationship.