National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

2016 Policy Priorities

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 thousands of nurse practitioners, doctors, and other health professionals to provide high-quality family planning care through training and advocacy.

Strengthening Resources for Providers

Public financing for family planning and reproductive health, through the Title X family planning program, Medicaid, and other federal and state funding programs, helps providers deliver essential care to millions of low-income and medically underserved women and men that would otherwise go without. NFPRHA believes that robust funding, including adequate Medicaid reimbursement, is essential to the survival of the family planning safety net upon which millions of individuals rely every year.

- Increase funding for the Title X family planning program to at least \$327 million in fiscal year 2017.
- Strengthen Medicaid in the states by fighting back against block granting, per capita caps, and blended rates.
- Protect the 340B drug discount program by reinforcing congressional intent that the program is meant to allow safety-net providers to enhance their capacity to serve by maximizing reimbursement and leveraging savings.
- Ensure strong funding for other public programs supporting the safety net, including Title V, Social Security Block Grant, section 330 federally qualified health center grants, STD programs, and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

Protecting Network Integrity

The family planning safety net is made up of a diverse network of providers, including state and local health departments, federally qualified health centers, Planned Parenthood affiliates, family planning councils, and other independent nonprofit organizations. That provider network is designed by communities for communities to meet the needs of each state's respective patient population, and maintains a strong capacity to deliver high-quality family planning and sexual health services.

- Support efforts to strengthen provider nondiscrimination protections for those delivering high-quality family planning and sexual health services and oppose any proposals that discriminate against providers based on their scope of service, including but not limited to abortion providers, from receiving Title X or other public funding.
- Oppose efforts to weaken the Medicaid Freedom of Choice protection, which grants beneficiaries the right to receive services from any qualified provider.

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.

- Fight back against employers' religious objections to block women from getting essential health coverage, including contraceptive coverage, to which they are entitled by law.
- Support legislation which would prohibit states from imposing restrictions to safe and legal abortions and eliminate federal abortion coverage bans.
- Support legislation which would remove longstanding legal barriers to immigrant families' access to care.