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Below you will find additional information on the Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule.

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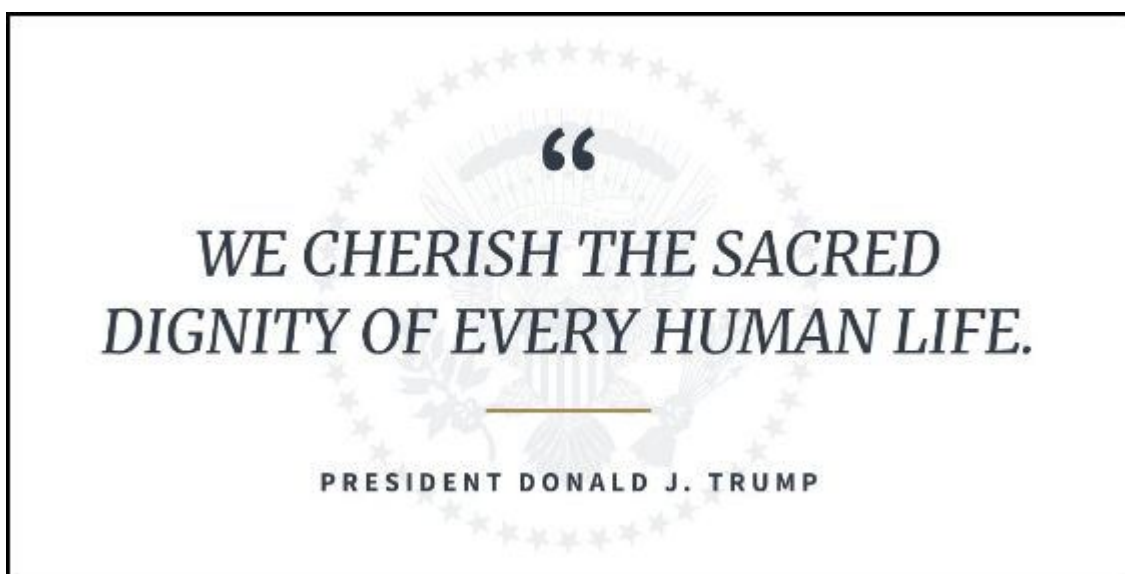
greater than ever before and that is what is happening.”

President Donald J. Trump



WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT | Proposed Title X Family Planning Program Rule from the Department of Health and Human Services

Statement: *The Administration’s announcement today of a proposed rule on Title X family planning program fulfills President Donald J. Trump’s promise to continue to improve women’s health and ensure that Federal funds are not used to fund the abortion industry in violation of the law. The President is pleased to support the proposed rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would update the regulations governing the Title X family planning program. This important proposal would ensure compliance with the program’s existing statutory prohibition on funding programs in which abortion is a method of family planning. The new proposed rule would not cut funds from the Title X program. Instead, it would ensure that taxpayers do not indirectly fund abortions. Contrary to recent media reports, HHS’s proposal does not include the so-called “gag rule” on counseling about abortion that was part of the Reagan Administration’s Title X rule.*



PRESS RELEASE | HHS Announces Proposed Update to Title X Family Planning Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is issuing a proposal to update the regulations governing the Title X family planning program, which focuses on serving low-income Americans. The proposed update to the regulations ensures compliance with statutory program integrity provisions governing the program and, in particular,

the statutory prohibition on funding “programs where abortion is a method of family planning.” (42 U.S.C. § 300a-6) The proposed update to the regulations, which were last revised 18 years ago, would also make notable improvements designed to increase the number of patients served and improve their quality of care.

The Title X program serves approximately 4 million people annually, and the proposed update seeks to ensure a holistic and health-centered approach; safeguarding the short and long-term family planning needs of more women, men, and adolescents in need of services. It is of utmost importance that individuals in low-income communities receive comprehensive family planning services, and care that promotes the welfare of adults and youth. It is equally important that, as stewards of taxpayer funds, the Department assures that the program operates according to statutory requirements.

Key elements of the proposed update include:

- Requiring clear financial and physical separation between Title X funded projects and programs or facilities where abortion is a method of family planning.
 - This separation will ensure adherence to statutory restrictions and provide clarity about permissible and impermissible activities for Title X projects.
- Improving program transparency by requiring more complete reporting by grantees about subrecipients and other program partners and their Title X funded activities, to ensure quality provision of family planning services and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Protecting Title X health providers so that they are not required to choose between the health of their patients and their own consciences, by eliminating the current requirement that they provide abortion counseling and referral. The proposal would not bar non-directive counseling on abortion, but would prohibit referral for abortion as a method of family planning.
- Protecting women and children who have experienced child abuse, child molestation, incest, sexual abuse, rape, intimate partner violence, and trafficking by:
 - Requiring annual training for staff at Title X clinics and ensuring they have a site-specific protocol in place to protect victims.
 - Requiring compliance with State and local laws on reporting or notification of these crimes.
 - Providing counseling to minors on how to resist attempts to coerce them into sexual activities.
- Requiring clinics to encourage meaningful parent/child communication and, as required by federal law, encourage family participation in a minor’s decision to seek family planning services, giving practical ways to begin – and maintain – such communication.
- Maintaining the patient/doctor confidential relationship within the statutory requirements.
- Permitting individuals to qualify for Title X services if they are unable to obtain employer-sponsored insurance coverage for certain contraceptive services due to their employer’s religious beliefs or moral convictions.
- Providing high quality comprehensive family planning services to those currently unserved, while ensuring the integrity of the Title X program, consistent with statutory requirements.

The proposed update can be found [here](#).



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING | Support For The Trump Administration's Proposed Title X Rule

Editorial boards, pro-life leaders, and commentators are praising the Trump Administration's effort to ensure that taxpayers do not fund the abortion industry in violation of the law.

WASHINGTON EXAMINER EDITORIAL BOARD: Pulling the Subsidy Plug on Planned Parenthood

"President Trump's action last week, barring Title X family planning funds from programs and facilities that perform abortions, is thus entirely right and reasonable ... In theory, Title X money cannot pay for abortion as a form of family planning. But it has long been misinterpreted to require recipient programs at least to refer women to abortionists. Trump's change at last ends this, going back to the law as it is written rather than as the abortion industry and its advocates wish and pretend it to be."

NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER EDITORIAL BOARD: Abortion Subsidies: Ending Planned Parenthood's Scheme

"Trump wants to reinstate rules similar to those first approved by President Ronald Reagan, which would require a bright line between a facility receiving Title X funds and one performing abortions. Doctors could counsel pregnant women about abortion, but could not refer them for abortions. This would help end the pernicious cross-subsidy forcing taxpayers to underwrite abortions. The U.S. Supreme Court found the Reagan-era rules constitutional in 1991. Abortion providers have no inherent right to the public's money."

NATIONAL REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD: Defunding Planned Parenthood: Donald Trump's Good Start

"[T]he Trump administration has made a positive and necessary step not just towards the unambiguously pro-life goal of defunding the nation's largest abortion provider but also towards carrying out the intent of Congress when it passed Title X ... the Trump administration is right to more effectively enforce the will of Congress. We applaud this decision."

SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST PRESIDENT MARJORIE DANNENFELSER IN REAL CLEAR POLITICS: Trump Takes Taxpayers Out of the Abortion Business

"Last week the Trump administration took decisive action on the president's pledge to disentangle taxpayers from the abortion industry, delivering a policy win that promotes better health care alternatives for women and may save countless lives ... We thank President Trump for doing what it takes to fulfill this core promise and get taxpayers out of the abortion business."

THE WASHINGTON TIMES' CHERYL CHUMLEY: Trump's About to Make Pro-Life Camp Very Happy

"President Donald Trump has a new proposal, and it's one that's going to make his Christian and evangelical base quite happy ... [It is] what Trump said he'd do while campaigning for president — to stop using taxpayer dollars to support agencies that provide abortions, that is. And truly, too — even pro-choicers have to see that taking tax dollars to slide into the abortion industry is wrong, wrong and wrong again."



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ICYMI | Trump is Proving to Be The Most Fearlessly Pro-Life President In History

"Trump has stood up for the humanity of the unborn child like no President in recent memory," Marc A. Thiessen writes in *The Washington Post*.

President Trump's critics were apoplectic last week when the president referred to MS-13 gang members as "animals." Of course, no one should be dehumanized. Yet many of the same people expressing outrage that Trump would dehumanize vicious gang members have no problem dehumanizing innocent, unborn children.

Trump has stood up for the humanity of the unborn child like no president in recent memory. And this is why so many Christian conservatives stick with him. Witness the foot-stomping standing ovation the president received Tuesday night at the annual Campaign for Life gala of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List. Not only was Trump reportedly the first president to address this incredible organization in its 26-year history, he used the occasion to deliver on yet another pro-life promise, one that his Republican predecessors could not, or would not, fulfill: He announced a new rule to stop indirect taxpayer funding of abortion through the Title X family planning program.

"When I ran for office, I pledged to stand for life, and as president, that's exactly what I have done," Trump declared. "Today, we have kept another promise. My administration has proposed a new rule to prohibit Title X funding from going to any clinic that performs abortions."

Any organization receiving Title X funds will be required to establish a bright line of both physical and financial separation between its family planning activities and any program or facility that performs or refers women for abortions. Since 1976, federal law has prohibited use of federal funds for abortion. But today, Planned Parenthood clinics that receive federal family planning funds often essentially refer women for on-site abortions. Under Trump's Protect Life Rule, this will no longer be permitted.

The Protect Life Rule is a victory pro-life Americans have been awaiting for three decades. President Ronald Reagan first issued a version of the rule in 1988, but pro-abortion groups challenged it in court. The George H. W. Bush administration fought them all the way to the Supreme Court and won: In 1991, the court upheld the

Reagan rule in *Rust v. Sullivan*. But the ruling came too late; Bill Clinton soon took office and withdrew the rule.

When George W. Bush was elected, he failed to reinstate the rule during his eight years in office. My former White House colleague Yuval Levin recently wrote that the reinstatement effort “was abandoned in the spring of 2006, in a deputies-level policy gathering that was one of the most contentious meetings I ever witnessed in government.”

In the Trump administration, there were apparently no “contentious” meetings or hand-wringing over the impact on Capitol Hill. He just did it. This fearlessness when it comes to the cause of life is what warms the hearts of Christian conservatives and makes them loyal to the president.

The left is, of course, outraged. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) called Trump’s action “despicable,” and the New York Times editorial page complained that the rule “could devastate groups like Planned Parenthood.” That is, unfortunately, a gross overstatement, as Planned Parenthood gets three-quarters of its federal funds through Medicaid, which would not be impacted. But it is music to pro-life ears. And despite Democrats’ anger, the new rule should have broad public support. A Marist poll released in January found that 60 percent of Americans oppose using tax dollars for abortion, while only 36 percent approve.

Since taking office, Trump has taken many steps to ensure our tax dollars are not used to subsidize the taking of innocent human life. He got a record number of conservative judges confirmed during his first year; allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood; defunded the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund; restored and expanded the Mexico City policy banning taxpayer funds for groups that perform abortions overseas; and exempted organizations with moral objections against providing abortifacient drugs from the Obamacare Health and Human Services mandate. He is, as SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser put it Tuesday, “the most pro-life president in our nation’s history.”

“Every life is sacred, and . . . every child is a precious gift from God,” Trump declared Tuesday night. “We know that every life has meaning and that every life is totally worth protecting.” Trump is doing everything in his power to protect those lives. That is why pro-life conservatives stick with him.

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Read: [the full article by Marc A. Thiessen](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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