

A Review of South Carolina's Financial and Non-Financial Relationships with Planned Parenthood



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Summary

The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) received a request to compile an independent report reflecting the State of South Carolina's relationships with Planned Parenthood. In this request, RFA was asked to identify any direct or indirect appropriations Planned Parenthood received from the state General Fund or other state entities as well as any non-financial relationships that may exist between any state entity and Planned Parenthood. Examples of these non-financial relationships could include higher education students completing their internship requirements through Planned Parenthood, a state agency referring clients to Planned Parenthood for their healthcare-related needs as well as affiliation agreements between an agency and Planned Parenthood in which information is shared at no cost to either party.

In order to ascertain the state's relationships with Planned Parenthood, RFA contacted those agencies in which research determined interaction with Planned Parenthood may be possible. These agencies were requested to provide a list of any financial or non-financial relationships they currently have or have had with Planned Parenthood over the past five years. RFA also requested from Planned Parenthood a list of any financial or non-financial relationships they currently have or have had with any state entity over the same time period.

This review found no direct or pass-through state appropriations have been provided to Planned Parenthood over the past five years. The majority of Planned Parenthood's financial relationships with the state are through contractual agreements with state agencies or through Planned Parenthood's participation in state-administered programs. Due to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) administration of South Carolina's Medicaid program and the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority's (PEBA) administration of the State Health Plan, a significant portion of Planned Parenthood's financial interactions remain with these two agencies. Planned Parenthood also had several financial transactions with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) as a result of their licensing and regulation of state health facilities. Though Planned Parenthood was generally the recipient of financial transactions with state entities, there are some instances in which state entities received compensation from Planned Parenthood for services conducted.

In addition to relationships with healthcare-related state agencies, Planned Parenthood also has relationships with some of the state's publicly-funded higher education institutions. Financial relationships generally centered on institutions purchasing healthcare-related education materials from Planned Parenthood as well as fee-for-service contractual agreements. Non-financial relationships included students completing internships at Planned Parenthood facilities or higher education institutions

including Planned Parenthood in their list of local healthcare providers distributed to students.

The information contained within this report provides summarized details submitted by each agency, governmental entity and Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) interaction with Planned Parenthood is a result of DHHS’s administration of South Carolina’s Medicaid program. DHHS is responsible for managing and compensating providers who administer healthcare services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Federal guidelines and regulations stipulate qualifications that must be met in order to become a provider in the Medicaid program. Federal law requires states to allow Medicaid beneficiaries to obtain services from any provider who meets the qualifications to participate in the Medicaid program. Planned Parenthood meets the qualification to participate in South Carolina’s Medicaid program.

Providers can participate in two categories: Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). FFS providers submit claims directly to DHHS in which they are seeking payment for providing covered Medicaid benefits. MCOs are paid monthly on a per-member basis, and, therefore, do not submit claims for reimbursement, but, instead, submit information on the cost and type of services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries for documenting and tracking purposes.

Of the covered benefits categories allowed through the Medicaid program, Planned Parenthood administers services primarily through the Family Planning services benefit category.

The chart below reflects the total amount paid to **all** Medicaid providers (FFS and MCOs) in the Family Planning services benefit category.

Family Planning Expenditures						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Fee for Service	\$22,805,869	\$21,916,838	\$21,886,766	\$19,576,397	\$18,176,333	\$104,362,203
Managed Care	\$9,604,471	\$10,733,081	\$9,694,083	\$12,497,438	\$25,777,988	\$68,307,061
Total	\$32,410,340	\$32,649,919	\$31,580,849	\$32,073,835	\$43,954,321	\$172,669,264

The chart below reflects the total amount paid **only** to Planned Parenthood in the Family Planning services benefit category.

Planned Parenthood Expenditures for Family Planning Services						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Fee for Service	\$45,909	\$23,864	\$51,824	\$74,705	\$26,976	\$223,278
Managed Care	\$9,710	\$8,980	\$10,866	\$11,369	\$5,779	\$46,704
Total	\$55,619	\$32,844	\$62,690	\$86,074	\$32,755	\$269,982

The chart below reflects the total amount paid to Planned Parenthood in the Family Planning services benefit category as a percentage of the total amount paid to all providers in the same benefit category.

Planned Parenthood Expenditures for Family Planning Services - as a Percentage of All Providers						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Total	0.17%	0.10%	0.20%	0.27%	0.07%	0.16%

Of the \$172,669,264 of Family Planning services expenditures for FY 2011 through FY 2015, Planned Parenthood accounts for \$269,982 or 0.16 percent of these expenditures.

In addition to the Family Planning services benefit category, Planned Parenthood is also a qualified provider of abortion services. In accordance with Federal law, the South Carolina Medicaid Program must cover abortions that meet the standard of the Hyde Amendment. This amendment stipulates abortions will only be covered in the case of rape, incest or if the life of the mother is in danger as a result of the pregnancy.

The chart below reflects the total number of abortion cases provided through Medicaid for all eligible providers as well as the associated costs.

Hyde Amendment-Compliant Abortion Cases						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Total Cases	8	10	4	5	2	29
Total Expenditures	\$20,892	\$22,408	\$11,162	\$25,351	\$8,552	\$88,365

Of the 29 Hyde Amendment-compliant abortion cases provided through South Carolina's Medicaid program for FY 2011 through FY 2015, none of these cases were administered through Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood received a total of \$299,934 through the Medicaid program for FY 2011 through FY 2015. Family Planning services accounts for \$269,982 while the remaining \$29,952 falls into multiple benefit categories, but included services related to routine exams, radiology, pathology and laboratory.

South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA)

As a result of their administration of the State Health Plan, the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) has a working relationship with Planned Parenthood, a network provider. This relationship is limited to the reimbursement of medical claims for services provided to those enrolled in the State Health Plan.

In order to participate as a provider in the State Health Plan, PEBA has established a list of criteria a candidate must meet. This list of criteria is developed in accordance with state and federal guidelines. If all criteria are met, the candidate is added as a network provider and is an available option from which State Health Plan participants can select.

As it is with their participation in the Medicaid program, Planned Parenthood’s reimbursements through the State Health Plan primarily fall into the Family Planning services category.

The chart below reflects the total amount paid to **all** providers in the Family Planning services category.

Family Planning Expenditures						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015*	Total
Total Claims	\$1,379,239	\$1,338,742	\$1,237,212	\$1,359,142	\$1,138,731	\$6,453,066

*Through September 2015

The chart below reflects the total amount paid **only** to Planned Parenthood in the Family Planning services category.

Planned Parenthood Expenditures for Family Planning Services						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015*	Total
Total Claims	\$1,251	\$1,505	\$3,185	\$1,867	\$2,982	\$10,790

*Through September 2015

The chart below reflects the total amount paid to Planned Parenthood in the Family Planning services category as a percentage of the total amount paid to all providers in the same category.

Planned Parenthood Expenditures for Family Planning Services - as a Percentage of All Providers						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015*	Total
Total	0.09%	0.11%	0.26%	0.14%	0.26%	0.17%

*Through September 2015

Of the \$6,453,066 of Family Planning services expenditures for FY 2011 through September 2015, Planned Parenthood accounts for \$10,790 or 0.17 percent of these expenditures.

The Chart below reflects the total amount paid to Planned Parenthood for all services incurred.

Planned Parenthood Expenditures for all Services						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015*	Total
Total Claims	\$2,417	\$4,752	\$4,627	\$4,218	\$3,814	\$19,828

*Through September 2015

Planned Parenthood received a total of \$19,828 as a provider through the State Health Plan for FY 2011 through September 2015. Family Planning services accounts for \$10,790 while the remaining \$9,038 falls mainly into laboratory and routine office visits service areas.

In an effort to protect patient confidentiality, it is the policy of PEBA not to provide the exact number of individual claims covered through the State Health Plan unless this number exceeds 11. Over the past five years, there have been fewer than 11 abortion claims provided through the State Health Plan. As a result, information about individual providers is not available. PEBA's policy does allow aggregate financial data to be provided. For those abortions permissible for payment under the State Health Plan, a total of \$3,232 has been paid for abortion procedures incurred between FY 2010 and FY 2014.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) relationships with Planned Parenthood are contained within five program areas: Infectious Waste Program, Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing, Bureau of Drug Control, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Statistics and

Information Services. Though each program area has a unique functionality, ultimately, regulation and licensing are the common components.

Infectious Waste Program

DHEC's Infectious Waste Program is tasked with regulating the generation, transportation and treatment of infectious waste in South Carolina. Through their medical facilities, Planned Parenthood is a producer of infectious waste. As a producer of infectious waste, Planned Parenthood is required to register with DHEC and is subject to on-site inspections of their facilities. Below is a summary of the Infectious Waste Program's interactions with Planned Parenthood for FY 2011 into FY 2016. Though other sections of this report do not look at relationships with Planned Parenthood in FY 2016 as they are generally very limited, DHEC's Infectious Waste Program had significant interactions that should be noted.

FY 2011 - DHEC performed an on-site infectious waste inspection and found a violation of the Infectious Waste Management Regulation. Planned Parenthood completed and signed a certification of corrective action form.

FY 2012 - No interaction through the Infectious Waste Program.

FY 2013 - Planned Parenthood completed an infectious waste registration renewal form to renew as an Infectious Waste Generator.

FY 2014 - DHEC performed an on-site infectious waste inspection and did not find any violations.

FY 2015 - No interaction through the Infectious Waste Program.

FY 2016 - DHEC performed an on-site infectious waste inspection and found violations of the Infectious Waste Management Regulation. As a result of these violations, the DHEC Enforcement Program sent a Notice of Alleged Violation/Notice of Enforcement Conference. The Enforcement Conference was held on September 28, 2015. Discussions are still ongoing regarding violations and penalty amounts.

Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing

DHEC's Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing is tasked with establishing reasonable standards and regulations by which facilities must operate. These regulations include but are not limited to patient care, medical records and reports, infection control and sanitation as well as facility design and construction. As a licensed facility in South Carolina, Planned Parenthood is subject to random inspections to ensure all regulations and standards are being met. Below is a summary of the Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing's interactions with Planned Parenthood for FY 2011 into FY 2016. Though other sections of this report do not look at relationships with Planned Parenthood in FY

2016 as they are generally very limited, DHEC's Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing noted significant interactions.

FY 2011 - No interaction through the Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing.

FY 2012 - DHEC conducted a general inspection and cited Planned Parenthood for four violations of Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. Planned Parenthood subsequently provided a timely and acceptable Plan of Correction.

FY 2013 - DHEC issued a citation to Planned Parenthood for failure to renew its application prior to the expiration date of its license. DHEC also conducted a general inspection and cited Planned Parenthood for five violations of Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. Planned Parenthood subsequently provided a timely and acceptable Plan of Correction.

FY 2014 - No interaction through the Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing.

FY 2015 - DHEC conducted a general inspection and initially did not cite any violations. However, after further review, DHEC revised the inspection report to note one violation of Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. DHEC has no record of requesting from Planned Parenthood a Plan of Correction based on the revised Report of Visit.

FY 2016 - DHEC conducted a general inspection and complaint investigation as a result of a complaint received in a letter dated August 18, 2015. As a result of the complaint investigation, DHEC cited Planned Parenthood for violations of Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. Planned Parenthood subsequently provided a timely and acceptable Plan of Correction. As a result of the general inspection, Planned Parenthood was cited for violations of Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. Planned Parenthood subsequently provided a timely and acceptable Plans of Correction.

In September 2015, DHEC Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing issued an Administrative Order imposing a penalty of \$7,500 and suspending Planned Parenthood's license. The order and penalty were a result of the violations cited in the previously conducted complaint investigation and general inspection. In order to reinstate their license, Planned Parenthood was required to pay the \$7,500 penalty, provide a timely submission of a Plan of Correction and provide proof of staff training. In October 2015, DHEC officially notified Planned Parenthood that all provisions had been met and their license suspension had been lifted. In November 2016, the Administrative Order became final.

Bureau of Drug Control

DHEC's Bureau of Drug Control enforces the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act which requires every entity and individual who dispenses controlled substances

register annually with DHEC as well as register with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) prior to dispensing controlled substances. Registrants are also required to participate in the prescription monitoring program which stipulates policies and procedures as it relates to maintaining records of dispensed controlled substances. Because Planned Parenthood has the ability to dispense controlled substances through their facilities, they must register with DHEC. As a result of this registration, Planned Parenthood is subject to annual site inspections to ensure proper procedures are being followed and current regulations are being adhered to. Below is a summary of the Bureau of Drug Control's interactions with Planned Parenthood for FY 2011 through FY 2015.

FY 2011 - FY 2015 - Planned Parenthood registered annually with DHEC and paid the required registration fee of \$125. Planned Parenthood's medical director also registered annually, as required. This physician is responsible for prescribing, possessing, administering, dispensing and distributing controlled substances on behalf of Planned Parenthood. The annual, individual registration is accompanied by a \$125 fee.

FY 2015 - DHEC inspected Planned Parenthood's stock of controlled substances and found no violations of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act or of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Regulations.

Bureau of Maternal and Child Health

In accordance with the Title X federal regulation, DHEC's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health provides women with pregnancy options counseling which includes written information concerning abortion service providers in South Carolina. As a licensed abortion services provider, Planned Parenthood is included in this list. This information is provided to clients when they express the desire to terminate their pregnancy. No money is provided to Planned Parenthood for their inclusion in this list.

Public Health Statistics and Information Services

DHEC's Public Health Statistics and Information Services program is responsible for compiling and reporting on health-related topics in South Carolina. As a result of this requirement, DHEC works with Planned Parenthood to ensure abortions performed at their clinic are properly reported. In this roll, DHEC provides training on the completion of the required reporting form, collects the various information from these forms and completes a statistical analysis of the collected information.

The chart below reflects the total fees and penalties all DHEC program areas have received from Planned Parenthood from FY 2011 into FY 2016.

	License/ Inspection/ Late Fees	Penalty Payment	Infectious Waste Annual Permit Fee	Drug Control Fee	Total Fees and Penalties Collected
7/1/15 - 11/3/15	\$0	\$7,500	\$150	\$0	\$7,650
FY 2015	\$900	-	\$150	\$125	\$1,175
FY 2014	\$500	-	\$150	\$125	\$775
FY 2013	\$625	-	\$150	\$125	\$900
FY 2012	\$500	-	\$150	\$125	\$775
FY 2011	\$500	-	\$150	\$125	\$775
Total	\$3,025	\$7,500	\$900	\$625	\$12,050

South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS)

Though the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) did not have any financial transactions with Planned Parenthood over the past five years, DSS has had non-financial relationships with Planned Parenthood. DSS is statutorily required to produce an informational brochure concerning consent for teenage abortion and the process associated with this consent. If a minor in DSS' care expresses interest in obtaining an abortion, DSS provides the minor with their informational brochure, *Consent for Teenage Abortion*. When counseling the minor about the material, DSS staff may list Planned Parenthood as an abortion services provider.

Additionally, through DSS' "Human Services Policy and Procedure Manual," staff are directed to refer clients to Planned Parenthood or other health care professionals should the client express interest in an abortion.

Higher Education Institutions

South Carolina Technical College System

The South Carolina Technical College System stated none of their colleges had a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

The Citadel

The Citadel stated their institution does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

Clemson University

Clemson University provides links through their Student Health Services website to several healthcare-related organizations. Planned Parenthood is listed as a provider of reproductive health-related information. Clemson does not make direct referrals to Planned Parenthood.

Coastal Carolina University

Coastal Carolina University stated their institution does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

College of Charleston

The College of Charleston's Student Health Services does not make direct referrals to Planned Parenthood; however, there have been academic programs in which the college interacted with Planned Parenthood. From 2011 through 2014, some College of Charleston students registered in for-credit undergraduate internships with Planned Parenthood. There was no financial relationship as a result of this internship program.

In January 2013, the College of Charleston's Woman's Health Research Team (WHRT) was founded which serves to investigate health issues specifically related to women and adolescent girls. Through this program, three faculty and selected students have worked on research projects with various local organizations, including Planned Parenthood. This relationship serves to provide data and information related to the various research projects. Planned Parenthood does not receive financial compensation for participating in this program.

Francis Marion University

Francis Marion University stated their institution does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

Lander University

Lander University stated their institution does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina State University

South Carolina State University does not have a financial relationship with Planned Parenthood; however, through the Brooks Health Center, students are provided a resource guide which contains a list of available area women's health services. Planned Parenthood is listed as a provider in this brochure.

University of South Carolina System

The University of South Carolina System has had limited financial and nonfinancial relationships with Planned Parenthood over the past five years. Financial transactions include the USC Aiken campus purchasing from Planned Parenthood in FY 2012 sex education materials for a total of \$374 as well as the USC School of Medicine purchasing from Planned Parenthood in FY 2014 contraceptive and safe-sex materials for a total of \$481.

In FY 2013, University Specialty Clinics entered into a training agreement with Planned Parenthood in which three OB/GYN department members were trained in first trimester termination techniques. Planned Parenthood received no financial compensation for conducting this training.

In FY 2014, University Specialty Clinics entered into an agreement to provide follow-up hospital care to Planned Parenthood patients for an established rate of \$500 per visit. This contract has been exercised one time.

In summary, From FY 2011 through FY 2015, the University of South Carolina System paid a total of \$855 to Planned Parenthood for the procurement of various educational materials. Over this same time period, Planned Parenthood has paid a total of \$500 to the USC System per a fee-for-service agreement.

Winthrop University

Winthrop University does not have a financial relationship with Planned Parenthood; however, Planned Parenthood is listed as a resource in the pregnancy packet provided to students through Health and Counseling Services. Nurses review with students the information included in these packets but allow the students to contact directly the included providers for additional information concerning the services they provide.

Medical University of South Carolina

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) had the highest level of interaction with Planned Parenthood among all higher education institutions in South Carolina.

In FY 2010, the MUSC Department of Psychiatry entered into a one year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Planned Parenthood which allowed for information sharing concerning high risk adolescents who, through their participation in a clinical research program, were referred to Planned Parenthood for HIV and STD counseling and testing. This agreement required MUSC to compensate Planned Parenthood at a rate of \$40 per hour for data collection and information sharing. Ultimately, none of the program participants met the study criteria and, therefore, no data was requested from Planned Parenthood. This resulted in no payments being made to Planned Parenthood. MUSC and Planned Parenthood extended this MOA one additional year into FY 2011, but, again, no information was shared due to the lack of qualified participants, resulting in no compensation being provided to Planned Parenthood.

In FY 2011, the MUSC College of Nursing entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Planned Parenthood to provide colposcopy services to Planned Parenthood patients. This MOU was in effect from FY 2011 through FY 2014. The chart below reflects the total compensation MUSC received each fiscal year for providing this service.

Colposcopy Services						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Fee for Service	\$10,025	\$15,588	\$13,836	\$1,538	\$0	\$40,987

In FY 2013, Planned Parenthood paid \$300 for an employee to participate in a continuing education course provided by MUSC.

In FY 2014, MUSC, as a part of an HIV prevention service grant, purchased birth control training material from Planned Parenthood for \$140. In this same fiscal year, Planned Parenthood hosted the "North American Forum on Family Planning." MUSC paid a registration fee of \$300 to participate in this forum.

The MUSC College of Nursing had an affiliation agreement with Planned Parenthood from FY 2012 through FY 2015 which allowed for students to rotate through Planned Parenthood. A total of five students participated in this rotation program. No compensation was provided to Planned Parenthood through this agreement.

MUSC also included Planned Parenthood in a list of available options provided to students seeking information concerning STD testing and unintended pregnancies.

Over the last five fiscal years, MUSC has participated in research projects funded through the National Institute of Health (NIH). These projects focus on optical research using human fetal tissue. MUSC did not procure any fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood for these research projects.

In summary, from FY 2011 through FY 2015, MUSC paid a total of \$440 to Planned Parenthood for the procurement of various educational materials and registration fees. Over this same time period, Planned Parenthood paid to MUSC a total of \$41,287 for services conducted in accordance with executed agreements as well as registration fees for continuing education courses.

Higher Education Institutions - Financial Relationship Summary

Summary of Planned Parenthood Payments to Higher Education Institutions						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
MUSC	\$10,025	\$15,588	\$14,136	\$1,538	\$0	\$41,287
USC System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500
Total	\$10,025	\$15,588	\$14,136	\$2,038	\$0	\$41,787

Summary of Higher Education Institutions Payments to Planned Parenthood						
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
MUSC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440	\$0	\$440
USC System	\$0	\$374	\$0	\$481	\$0	\$855
Total	\$0	\$374	\$0	\$921	\$0	\$1,295

South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium

The South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium stated their organization does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Department of Corrections

The South Carolina Department of Corrections stated their agency does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs stated their agency does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Department of Education

The South Carolina Department of Education stated their agency does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health stated their agency does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department stated their agency does not have a relationship, financial or otherwise, with Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic

The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office contacted Planned Parenthood South Atlantic to receive their input for this report. While they did not provide any financial data, they provided information which can be found in the appendix.

Appendix

Information Received from Planned Parenthood South Atlantic

For more than half a century, Planned Parenthood has served as an essential community health care provider in South Carolina. Roughly 70% of our patients are uninsured, most are young adults, and many represent the working poor. Less than 10% of our patients are covered by Medicaid.

A small number of patients participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield SC State Health Plan, which we accept, but, again, the majority of our patients are uninsured.

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic serves between 4,500-5,000 women, men, and young people in South Carolina every year. Our health centers play a critical role in protecting public health. During the last six months alone, we provided 3,804 screenings for sexually transmitted infections (STI), including chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV.

Our physicians are licensed by the state of South Carolina to provide a full range of reproductive health services, including annual exams, lifesaving cancer screening such as Pap smears and clinical breast exams, STI diagnosis, treatment and prevention, and abortion. Our registered nurses are also licensed by the state of South Carolina and serve a critical role in patient education.

Beyond providing medical services as a safety net provider, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic is engaged in making sure that communities across the state have access to preventive health care and education and that young people, in particular, have access to the information necessary to make lifelong healthy decisions.

To this end, we serve on the Charleston County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council and the Parenting Teen Partnership of the Midlands. We participate in health fairs at the University of South Carolina, the College of Charleston, the Medical University of South Carolina, and South Carolina State. In all of these settings, we have played a prominent role in educating young people about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) as well as the vaccine to prevent cervical cancer and other cancers caused by HPV.

In line with our role as a safety net health care provider, we historically provided sexuality education to populations often underserved including pregnant and parenting teens in partnership with the Florence Crittenton Residential Programs of South Carolina and to incarcerated women in pre-release programs through the Goodman Correctional Institute and the Camille Graham Correctional Institute. Our efforts in these locations focused on helping young women learn more about healthy relationships, communication, birth control, and the prevention of STIs.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this report concerning the state's relationship with Planned Parenthood South Atlantic. While not everything outlined above involves state oversight, regulation, or funding, we thought it important to present a full picture of the services Planned Parenthood South Atlantic provides to the citizens of the state of South Carolina.

For more than five decades, our goal has been to make sure that all South Carolinians have access to high quality, compassionate, nonjudgmental health care and education. We look forward to continuing this work for decades to come.

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