



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Act to Keep Title X Funds away from Abortion



Education: Title X is a federal grant program to fund family planning and some preventative health services for low income citizens. The program provides screening for breast and cervical cancer, testing for sexually transmitted infections, and low-cost contraceptives. Funds may not be used “in programs where abortion is a method of family planning.” In other words, the program is intended to support only prevention of pregnancy and not support abortion. Planned Parenthood receives millions of \$ in funds. President Trump is now proposing some changes, including that agencies providing abortion must completely separate their abortion services.(1) This

regulation makes sense because when the abortion services and Title X services share the same infrastructure, the funds from Title X are indirectly benefitting the abortion program. Staff members are also motivated to refer or even encourage clients to choose abortion, since the provider will profit from those services. Press articles like the one in US Today (2) claim that the change will shut down clinics and reduce access to services. But in 2015 there were 13,540 other health clinics in the U. S. that provide Title X services without offering abortion, compared to 665 Planned Parenthood clinics. (3) At the end of 2017, the number of PP clinics was down to 597.(4) The article in US Today also stated that the new regulations would require doctors to lie. What the regulations state is that doctors may not refer for abortion, since referral is an integral part of the provision of services. Doctors can certainly state that abortion is available, and abortion clinics are well able to advertise their services, but doctors referring for abortion would be indirectly involved in providing abortion, which Title X is explicitly prevented from supporting.

1. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/01/2018-11673/compliance-with-statutory-program-integrity-requirements>
2. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/06/06/donald-trump-title-x-changes-birth-control-abortion-contraception-column/672801002/>
3. <https://lozierinstitute.org/health-clinics-nationwide-compared-to-planned-parenthood-centers/>
4. <http://www.lifenews.com/2017/12/13/planned-parenthood-abortion-biz-closed-32-clinics-in-2017-runs-fewer-centers-than-ever-before/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help low income women to have access to the cancer screening and other valid health services that they need. May our federal tax dollars be prevented from contributing in any way to supporting or providing for abortions. Help neighborhood health clinics become better known as sources for their services, as they provide comprehensive health care in addition to Title X services. Please help the public to understand that real health care does not include abortion and can be made available to the poor without also supporting abortion.



Action: Let your friends know that you support the proposed Title X regulations. Click [here](#) to get more details about the changes and submit a formal comment in support of the new rules. The public comment period will end July 31, 2018. Share your support on social media and encourage your contacts to also express their support, to validate that the public in fact does not want taxpayer money to in any way support abortion.