

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Schakowsky, Yarmuth, Lee, Lujan Grisham, Moulton, Higgins, DelBene, Wasserman Schultz, Khanna, Jayapal, Carbajal, and Jackson Lee

Protect Women's Health Care

1. At the end of Title V, add the following:

“POLICY STATEMENT ON PROTECTING WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE.

(a) FINDINGS. — The House finds the following:

- (1) Planned Parenthood is a leading provider of high-quality, affordable health care in the United States, with one in five women relying on a Planned Parenthood health center for care at some point in her lifetime.
- (2) In 2015, Planned Parenthood health centers saw 2.4 million patients and administered more than 4.2 million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, more than 320,000 breast exams, nearly 295,000 Pap tests, and contraception to nearly 2 million women.
- (3) Fifty-six percent of Planned Parenthood health centers are located in health professional shortage areas, rural or medically underserved areas, where they provide primary and preventive health care to many women who otherwise would not have access to care.
- (4) Seventy-five percent of Planned Parenthood patients have incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, and at least 60 percent of patients access care through Medicaid and/or the Title X family planning program.
- (5) Planned Parenthood health centers serve more contraceptive clients than any other publicly-funded health care provider, serving 32 percent of all clients despite comprising only 6 percent of the provider network.
- (6) The Congressional Budget Office estimates the provision in H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act, to restrict federal funding for one year to organizations that provide family planning and reproductive health services would only affect Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates and clinics.
- (7) According to CBO, the same provision in H.R. 1628 would most likely reduce access to family planning services for people living in areas where Planned Parenthood is the only low-income health care provider, with about 15 percent of those people losing access completely.

(b) POLICY ON PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE. — It is the policy of this resolution that Congress should protect women's access to quality, affordable health care at the provider of their choice and that Congress should not restrict or prohibit federal funding to Planned Parenthood health centers.”

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution affirms that Congress should protect women's access to quality, affordable health care at the provider of their choice and that Congress should not restrict or prohibit federal funding to Planned Parenthood health centers.