

# Planned Parenthood Funding Position Paper

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## OVERVIEW

The American Health Care Act (AHCA) proposes a one-year freeze on mandatory funding to Planned Parenthood from Medicaid, CHIP, Maternal and Child Health Services Block grants, and Social Services Block Grants.

One year of funding from Planned Parenthood, estimated to be \$422 million, would be reallocated to Federally Qualified Health Centers to help fill the primary care gaps left by a defunded Planned Parenthood.

## THE PROBLEM

Planned Parenthood currently operates 115 health centers in California and serves over 850,000 patients through 1.5 million encounters annually.

Planned Parenthood's role as a comprehensive provider of care is critical part of California's primary care delivery system. They are a provider of choice to hundreds of thousands of women and men who seek out a variety of essential healthcare services.

Planned Parenthood health centers in California perform 75,000 breast examinations and 96,000 cervical cancer screenings annually. They also perform 1.5 million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted diseases and infections and provide contraception to 631,000 patients. Planned Parenthood health centers also teach sexual health education programs to 207,000 people annually.

Diminishing Planned Parenthood's network of care would also diminish a patient's ability to choose the provider with which they feel most comfortable. Planned Parenthood's focus on women's health provides low-income women a health home that cannot be easily replicated.

## OUR POSITION

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates strongly supports continued funding for Planned Parenthood as an essential provider in our communities.

Any policies that eliminate or diminish Planned Parenthood's role in our state's comprehensive network of care would put untenable stress on remaining health centers.

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