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Trump Budget Singles Out Planned Parenthood for First Time Ever

Budget Would Block Federal Funds for all Preventive Health Care at PPWI

Washington, DC – The Trump administration unveiled an overview of its Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, revealing sharp cuts and draconian changes to essential programs that women disproportionately rely on including Medicaid, SNAP and TANF. For the first time in history, the budget also singles out an individual health care provider -- Planned Parenthood -- by prohibiting it from participating in any program funded through Congress's annual Labor-HHS bill, including Medicaid and Title X.

Never has a President's budget made such extreme and callous cuts to programs that so many people in the United States rely on. Remarkably, as a candidate, President Trump promised "[there will be no cuts](#)" to Medicaid -- a promise he has broken in spectacular fashion, proposing to cut hundreds of billions of dollars from the Medicaid program, which will result in millions of people losing insurance coverage. More than 70 million Americans, including women, mothers, children and seniors, depend on Medicaid for their health coverage.

Statement from Nicole Safar, Director of Government Relations for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin:

"This is the worst budget for women's health that we've seen. It singles out Planned Parenthood and guts programs designed to help women and their families put food on the table, get the medical care they need and make ends meet. If enacted, this budget would hurt women and prevent access to basic health care in the U.S. and across the globe.

"From day one, women's health has been squarely in the crosshairs of this administration. If passed, this budget would undo decades of progress for women when it comes to their ability to access health care, to pursue their career and education goals, and to lead safe, productive lives."

The budget includes unprecedented cuts to federal programs that disproportionately serve women and their families. It includes steep cuts to the Medicaid program, which covers half of all births in the U.S. and one in five women of reproductive age. There are also reductions to the SNAP and TANF programs, which help women and families with low incomes put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads.

The budget summary also, for the first time in history, singles out Planned Parenthood on page one, stating:

"The Budget also follows through on a campaign promise and prohibits any funding in the Labor-HHS appropriations bill for certain entities that provide abortions, including Planned Parenthood. This prohibition applies to all funds in the bill, including Medicaid."

In anticipation of the President's FY 18 Budget, [over 60 of the nation's largest and most prominent](#) human rights, women's rights, and labor rights advocacy groups signed on to a letter outlining the bare minimum required for this budget to reflect "women's empowerment."

BACKGROUND:

This budget blocks millions of women from getting birth control and cancer screenings at Planned Parenthood health centers.

- **In an unprecedented move, the budget singles out women who go to Planned Parenthood for basic, preventive health care.** For the first time in history, the president's budget prohibits Planned Parenthood from participating in ANY program funded through Congress's annual Labor-HHS bill. This includes not just Medicaid, but the Title X program, [Zika prevention programs](#), HIV prevention grants, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants to prevent sexual assault, the CDC National Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program, maternal and child health programs, STD and infertility prevention grants, and more. This is the first time a president's budget has singled out a specific health care provider.
- **Effectively cuts Title X service delivery.** Title X is the only federal program solely dedicated to birth control. Though the budget does not include a drastic cut to the program, it still dismantles its impact by prohibiting Planned Parenthood health centers from participating in the program -- [which serve 41% of the program's contraceptive patients](#), the most of any Title X provider (comparatively, public health departments serve 28% of all contraceptive patients, FQHCs serve 19% of all contraceptive patients, and hospital outpatient sites serve 5% of all contraceptive patients).

It eviscerates health insurance coverage for millions of women with low-incomes -- taking away critical sources of coverage for maternity care, emergency care, and prescription drugs.

- **Decimates the Medicaid program, which will disproportionately hurt women.** The budget flat lines the Medicaid program by effectively ending the ACA's Medicaid expansion, threatening coverage for 11 million people, while also unfairly slashing the federal government's contribution to the program -- forcing states to either come up with extra money or make [difficult decisions](#) about which services, benefits, or eligibility groups to cut. As a result, women -- disproportionately women of color -- will lose access to care.
- **Commits to passage of the AHCA, the worst bill for women's health in a lifetime.** The budget commits to the full passage of the American Health Care Act, which would [prohibit women with Medicaid coverage from accessing care at Planned Parenthood health centers](#). 24 million people would lose access to insurance because of the AHCA. It would also change the rules so a woman could once again be denied [coverage for maternity care](#) or charged higher insurance rates just because she had a baby or is a survivor of [domestic violence](#). [In fact, the AHCA would make it harder to both prevent pregnancy AND harder to have a healthy pregnancy and family.](#)

It takes food off the plates of families who are struggling to get by and makes it drastically more difficult for women with low incomes to take care of their children.

- **Proposes massive cuts on programs that women and their families disproportionately rely on to put food on the table and make ends meet.** The budget includes a \$1 billion cut to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, complete elimination of the Social Services Block Grant program, narrower eligibility for individuals and families to access critical food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through restrictions and work requirements, and places limits on who can receive the Child Care Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

- **Drastically cuts programs that protect young girls abroad.** The budget cuts over 30% from the State Department, which would deeply undermine programs designed to protect and improve the health of women and girls around the world and fight maternal mortality. These cuts would target some of the most vulnerable populations around the world.

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