



Title: Eliminating Socioeconomic and Racial Disparities in Reproductive Healthcare

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- 1 **WHEREAS**, passage of the Hyde Amendment in 1976 eliminated federal funding for abortions, except for those
 2 performed in cases of rape, incest, and endangerment of the patient’s life, and is reaffirmed annually through the
 3 appropriations bill, and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the signing of Executive Order 13535 reaffirmed the restriction of federal funds for abortions in
 5 new health insurance plans available via the health insurance exchanges created by the Patient Protection and
 6 Affordable Care Act,¹ and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, black, indigenous, and people of color of reproductive age are more likely to receive healthcare
 8 coverage through federally funded Medicare and Medicaid programs,² creating a racial disparity in access to abortion
 9 care, and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, 13 million people of reproductive age living in or near poverty receive federal health coverage from
 11 Medicaid,² and those who lack access to abortion experience worse economic outcomes than those who were able
 12 to obtain abortion services, further demonstrating the Hyde Amendment’s negative effect on health disparities,³ and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Family Physicians’ (AAFP) Policy Statement on Comprehensive Care states
 14 that AAFP, “supports the concept of access to essential healthcare to all people regardless of social and economic
 15 status,⁴ and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians’ (MAFP) advocacy priorities include to, “promote family
 17 physicians as a resource in maintaining maternity care and access to women’s healthcare, including full-spectrum
 18 reproductive healthcare services,”⁵ and

¹ Executive Order 13535-- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Consistency with Longstanding Restrictions on the Use of Federal Funds for Abortion. March 24, 2010. <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/executive-order-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-acts-consistency-with-longst>

² Sonfield, Adam. U.S. Insurance Coverage, 2018: The Affordable Care Act Is Still Under Threat and Still Vital for Reproductive-Age Women. Guttmacher Institute. January 27, 2020. <https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2020/01/us-insurance-coverage-2018-affordable-care-act-still-under-threat-and-still-vital>

³ Greenfoster D, et al. Socioeconomic Outcomes of Women Who Receive and Women Who Are Denied Wanted Abortions in the United States, American Journal of Public Health, February 7, 2018: <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2017.304247>

⁴ American Academy of Family Physicians. Policy on Comprehensive Care. January 18, 2007. <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/c/comprehensivecare.html>.

⁵ MAFP Family Medicine Advocacy Priorities <https://www.mafp.com/advocacy/advocacy-priorities>

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, AAFP endorsed the principle that women receiving healthcare paid for through health plans
20 funded by state or federal governments who have coverage for continuing a pregnancy also should have coverage
21 for ending a pregnancy,⁶ and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, AAFP accepted information for a resolution to commit to engaging in advocacy efforts to
23 overturn the Hyde Amendment and other restrictions on federal and state funding for abortion, but has taken no
24 further action on this resolution,⁶ and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) wrote a committee opinion
26 calling for the elimination of the federal Hyde Amendment and other federal and state restrictions on public and
27 private insurance coverage of abortion,⁷ and

28 **WHEREAS**, ACOG endorses that public and private insurance coverage of abortion care should be considered part
29 of essential healthcare services,⁷ and

30 **WHEREAS**, AAFP supports collaboration with ACOG and other Group of Six members, including American Academy
31 of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Physicians (ACP), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American
32 Psychiatric Association (APA),⁸ and

33 **WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris Administration, on May 28, 2021, released a proposed budget for 2022 without the
34 Hyde Amendment,⁹ which now goes before Congress for edits and congressional approval¹⁰; now, therefore, be it

35 **RESOLVED**, that Michigan Academy of Family Physicians request American Academy of Family Physicians to write
36 a letter to Congress advocating for the U.S. House and Senate to pass federal appropriations bills without the Hyde
37 Amendment; and, be it further

38 **RESOLVED**, that Michigan Academy of Family Physicians ask American Academy of Family Physicians to write a
39 letter to the Biden-Harris Administration advocating for rescinding Executive Order 13535 (Patient Protection and
40 Affordable Care Act's Consistency with Longstanding Restrictions on the Use of Federal Funds for Abortion), which
41 reaffirmed a commitment to the Hyde Amendment; and, be it further

42 **RESOLVED**, that Michigan Academy of Family Physicians urge a commitment from American Academy of Family
43 Physicians to advocate against legislation that extends, reiterates, or incorporates the Hyde Amendment and related
44 restrictions, including annual appropriations bills; and, be it further

45 **RESOLVED**, that Michigan Academy of Family Physicians request American Academy of Family Physicians to invite
46 other healthcare professional societies known as the Group of Six to co-sign and co-author letters that oppose the
47 Hyde Amendment.

⁶ AAFP Summary of Actions of the Congress of Delegates 2017.

https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/about_us/congress/restricted/2017/SummaryofResolutions2017.pdf

⁷ Increasing Access to Abortion. ACOG Committee Opinion No. 815. December 2020. <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2020/12/increasing-access-to-abortion>

⁸ American Academy of Family Physicians. America's Frontline Physicians: The Group of Six. <https://www.aafp.org/group-six/home.html>

⁹ Axelrod T. Biden leaves Hyde Amendment out of budget. The Hill. <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/abortion/556002-biden-leaves-hyde-amendment-out-of-budget>. Published May 28, 2021. Accessed May 30, 2021.

¹⁰ Christensen M. The Executive Budget Process: An Overview. Congressional Research Service. R42633. Published July 27, 2012. Accessed May 30, 2021. <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R42633>