
The Hyde Amendment

The facts

The Hyde Amendment bars the use of federal funds for abortion with exceptions for rape, incest, or life endangerment. This restriction applies to Medicaid recipients, government workers, and Peace Corps volunteers.

We know that **one in three women will have an abortion in her lifetime**. A woman who pays for an abortion out of pocket may be forced to delay the procedure to raise the necessary funds. Fifty-eight percent of abortion patients say they would have preferred to have their abortion earlier.

Abortion restrictions like Hyde and others **force an estimated 1 in 4 poor women to continue an unwanted pregnancy**. Younger people, in particular, are more likely to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term.

Why it matters

With Hyde in place, people who are seeking an abortion are forced to divert money intended for other things, such as paying bills or buying food for their families, or in some cases selling their belongings. These restrictions only force more low income people to sacrifice their financial resources to seek out a safe and legal medical procedure.

Young people are more likely to work low-income jobs that do not provide health insurance. Low-income people are likely to rely on Medicaid for their health care needs and as such face a huge burden in seeking and paying for abortion care.

Everyone should have access to a full range of pregnancy related care, including abortion, regardless of where they live or how much money they make. Political beliefs should not trump a person's ability to access quality healthcare.

When a pregnant person decides to end a pregnancy, it is important that they have access to safe medical care. Providing insurance coverage ensures that someone seeking abortion care will be able to see a licensed, quality health care provider.

What you can do

To take action against Hyde, it is important that your state representatives know that you oppose these restrictions. Call, write, and make appointments to see your representative at both the federal and state level and tell them that you care you about this issue!

To find your House Representative visit: www.house.gov

To find your Senators visit: www.senate.gov

You can also donate and volunteer for abortion funds in your state. These funds help women raise funds to access abortion services. Find your local abortion fund at: www.fundabortionnow.org/

You can sign a [pledge](#) letting your Representative and Senators know that you oppose insurance bans on abortion care.

Follow URGE on social media for important updates on the [EACH Woman Act](#). A bill that would end the Hyde amendment and lift bans on abortion coverage.

Resources:

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