



Title X Fights for Our Lives

Title X is the only federal grant that pays for comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services, education and counseling for low-income and uninsured people. It covers birth control, HIV and STI testing and treatment, pelvic and breast exams, pregnancy testing and cancer screenings. California's Title X program is the largest and most diverse in the country, annually serving one million people at 340 health centers statewide. Title X does not pay for abortions.

This May, the Trump administration proposed restrictions to Title X that would:

- **Prohibit All-Options Care** – banning health providers from referring patients for an abortion *or even talking about abortion*.
- **Fund Fake Pregnancy Centers** – supporting anti-abortion, religiously-affiliated centers that deceive, coerce and lie to women to stop them from getting abortions.
- **Strip Birth Control Options** – removing the full range of medically effective methods and allowing clinics to offer only natural family planning.
- **Burden Clinics with Unnecessary Regulations** – increasing clinic costs, forcing closures, firing providers and straining our healthcare system.
- **Impede Young People's Access to Confidential Health Care** – asking young patients invasive questions about their sexual partners and pressuring them to reveal this information to parents or guardians, even if it is unsafe for the patient to do so.

Impact on Latina/xs

This strips services from those who need them most, and will especially affect Latina/x's ability to access high-quality, unbiased, comprehensive care.

Of the 5.2 million teens and adult Latinas in California:

- **1.1 million (20%) are uninsured for all or part of the year¹**
- **3.4 million (64%) live in poverty²**
- **Nearly 1 million (17%) are undocumented and uninsured³**

The Trump administration is attacking Latinas' bodily autonomy, coercing our medical decision-making and restricting our rights to unbiased healthcare. Join CLRJ and other Latina advocates across California to demand that no services are taken away from our communities.

Submit a public comment by July 31 opposing Title X changes:
<http://bit.ly/CLRJtitleX>

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¹ California Health Information Survey, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, http://ask.chis.ucla.edu/AskCHIS/tools/_layouts/AskChisTool/home.aspx#results, 2016.

² California Health Information Survey, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, http://ask.chis.ucla.edu/AskCHIS/tools/_layouts/AskChisTool/home.aspx#results, 2016.

³ Remaining Uninsured in California, Insuring the Uninsured Project, <http://www.itup.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ITUP-Remaining-Uninsured-REVISED-4.26.18.pdf>, 2018.



Protect Your Healthcare Share Your Story

Trump's Title X proposal is a deliberate attack on the health and resilience of California's Latina/xs, as **Latinas account for 53% of California's female Title X clinic users.**⁴

Changing Title X disproportionately hurts the Latina/x, low-income and uninsured populations that rely on Title X clinics for comprehensive, unbiased reproductive healthcare. **Teen and adult Latinas have the second highest uninsured rate of any ethnic group in California⁵ and are twice as likely as white women to report foregoing needed and preventative healthcare.**⁶ Title X clinics help fill this racial healthcare gap.

Title X clinics are federally mandated to provide care in a language patients can understand, which is essential for the **51% of California's teen and adult Latinas who report no or limited English proficiency.**⁷ Because Title X clinics don't require citizenship documentation to receive services, this proposal removes one of the few options for undocumented Latina/xs and recent immigrants to receive free reproductive healthcare.

This proposal would change Title X clinics into hostile and punitive spaces for our communities. Invasive questioning of young people's sexual partners **intends to shame youth sexuality and threatens to bring law enforcement into our exam rooms**, further alienating undocumented individuals and those with mixed-family status. Fake pregnancy centers pose as legitimate medical clinics, often next to real reproductive health clinics, and will offer free ultrasounds to trick women who think they're getting all-options care. This targets our more vulnerable communities including poor Latina/xs, those who speak little/no English, and immigrants and youth unfamiliar with the U.S.'s medical system. **Fake pregnancy centers do not have licensed medical staff and intimidate patients with religious propaganda and false, frightening information.** Although more than half of California's counties lack accessible abortion providers, nearly every county has a least one fake pregnancy center. This proposal would relegate Latina/xs to these biased, coercive centers.

Take Action

Make a public comment demanding no services are taken away from our communities. The Trump administration must respond to every personalized comment against this proposal. The more unique comments and detailed stories we collect, the more we can delay and shape this proposal.

Unsure what to say?

- Share your story of how Title has helped you or someone you know.
- Explain how Title X is important to Latina/xs' health.
- Include statistics from this info sheet and connect them to your real life.

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⁴ Essential Health Access, 2018.

⁵ California Health Information Survey, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, http://ask.chis.ucla.edu/AskCHIS/tools/_layouts/AskChisTool/home.aspx#/results, 2016.

⁶ Healing Our Hearts, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, file:///home/chronos/u-4b9aab9ff3716f0e54c37f1ee2e1807282526af/Downloads/Healing-our-Hearts_PR.pdf, 2018.

⁷ California Health Information Survey, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, http://ask.chis.ucla.edu/AskCHIS/tools/_layouts/AskChisTool/home.aspx#/results, 2016.