Fact Sheets

The next few pages have printable fact sheets for you to share with your guests.
850,000 Californians come to Planned Parenthood.


2. 115 Planned Parenthood health centers bill California for services provided to patients.

3. California reimburses Planned Parenthood for services already provided.

4. California bills Federal Government for family planning services provided.

5. Federal Government reimburses California for family planning services (federal match).

Planned Parenthood
Doors Stay Open

Ensure Millions of People have Access to Confidential, Expert Reproductive Health Care

Here’s how we’ll do it:

• Fight against attempts to shut down Planned Parenthood and take away care from 2.5 million people

• Fight against attempts to eliminate reproductive health care programs like Title X, our nation’s birth control program

• Fight for reproductive freedom for all people in the United States and around the globe — and everyone’s right to access health care with dignity and respect

Healthcare Access for All

Keep Politicians from Taking Health Care Coverage Away from People

Here’s how we’ll do it:

• Fight against efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act — and the birth control benefit, which provides coverage without a co-pay for 55 million women today

• Fight against efforts to dismantle the Medicaid insurance program, which covers 25 percent of Americans and guarantees birth control access

• Fight for laws and policies that advance equitable access to reproductive health services

Access to Safe, Legal Abortion

Get Politicians out of Personal, Medical Decisions

Here’s how we’ll do it:

• Fight against Supreme Court justices who don’t support the right to safe, legal abortion and want to overturn Roe v. Wade

• Fight against federal and state legislation that would cut people off from abortion access — disproportionately impacting people with low incomes and people of color

• Fight for policies and laws that protect health care providers and patients from harassment, intimidation, and violence

Keep Families and Communities Together

Fight against racist, dangerous immigration policies that directly impact women’s health

Here’s how we’ll do it:

• Fight against deportation practices that aim to tear families apart

• Fight for comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal path to enter and stay in the United States

I Stand With Planned Parenthood
Campaign Goals
If Planned Parenthood is defunded, more than 850,000 Californians would lose access to care.

Defunding Planned Parenthood would cause a national health disaster, with millions losing care

Planned Parenthood serves close to a million patients in California – for many of them we are the only health care provider they see. Defunding Planned Parenthood could cause an increase in cancer deaths, unintended pregnancies, STD’s and HIV. This is a dangerous plan.

An estimated 1 in 5 women in this country will rely on Planned Parenthood in her lifetime.

The California Primary Care Association stated that local community clinics do not have the capacity to see the increase in patients which would occur if Planned Parenthood were defunded and our health centers closed.

Those hurt the most would be those struggling to get by and also those who already face barriers to accessing health care – especially people of color, people with low to moderate incomes, as well as people who live in rural areas. Without Planned Parenthood, many patients would have nowhere else to go for care.

This is the biggest fight ever to protect Planned Parenthood and access to reproductive health and rights

Planned Parenthood’s millions of supporters are mobilizing to stop these attacks and will fight like hell to protect reproductive health and rights.

We’re going to make sure every member of this administration knows exactly what’s at stake if they cut access to care at Planned Parenthood. Because for millions of women, men and young people in this country, this isn’t about politics. This is their basic health care.

That’s why everyone needs to call you Congressman, call your Senator, and express your support for Planned Parenthood. Call your friends, call your family members and ask them to do the same.

California is not immune to attacks on reproductive health. In fact, we have the most to lose if Congress defunds Planned Parenthood.

Although California has a long history of protecting and expanding reproductive health and rights THIS THREAT IS REAL.
The Urgent Need for Planned Parenthood Health Centers

The Evidence Shows Blocking Patients from Accessing Care at Planned Parenthood Comes at Too High a Cost

Planned Parenthood is one of the nation’s leading providers of high-quality, affordable health care for women, men, and young people, and the nation’s largest provider of sex education. Approximately one in five women has relied on a Planned Parenthood health center for care in her lifetime.

- In 2014, Planned Parenthood health centers saw 2.5 million patients and provided more than 4 million sexually transmitted tests and treatment, more than 360,000 breast exams, more than 270,000 Pap tests, and birth control for 2 million people. Of Planned Parenthood patients in 2014, 15 percent were Black and 23 percent were Latino.
- Fifty-four percent of Planned Parenthood health centers are in health professional shortage areas, rural or medically underserved areas. Planned Parenthood health centers provide primary and preventive health care to many who otherwise would have nowhere to turn for care.
- Ob-gyn providers, including Planned Parenthood health centers, play a critical role in providing primary and preventive care to women in the United States. Nearly 60 percent of women report seeing an ob-gyn on a regular basis and 35 percent view their ob-gyn as their main source of care — this is especially true for low-income women and women of color.¹
- Planned Parenthood leads the country with the most up-to-date medical standards and guidelines for reproductive health care. We use new clinical research findings and get updates from groups like the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society of Family Planning.
- The majority of Planned Parenthood health centers offer extended hours, same-day appointments, and have shorter wait times for an initial visit, compared with all other types of publicly-funded health care providers.²
- Seventy-five percent of Planned Parenthood patients have incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and approximately 60 percent of Planned Parenthood patients access care through the Medicaid program and/or the Title X family planning program.

“For many women in America, Planned Parenthood is the only place where they are able to get needed quality care,” said Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD, MBA, FACOG, immediate past president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Without Planned Parenthood’s approximately 650 health centers across the country, many patients would not have timely access to basic preventive health care services.

- In 21 percent of counties with a Planned Parenthood health center, Planned Parenthood is the only safety-net family planning provider; and in 68 percent of counties with a Planned Parenthood health center, Planned Parenthood serves at least half of all safety-net family planning patients.\(^{3}\)
- The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that 390,000 women would lose access and up to 650,000 women could face reduced access to preventive health care within a year if Congress were to block all Medicaid patients from seeking care at Planned Parenthood health centers.\(^{4}\)
- The CBO also projects that barring Planned Parenthood health centers from being reimbursed through Medicaid would result in a net cost of $130 million to taxpayers over 10 years, due to an increase in unintended pregnancies without the high-quality contraceptive care Planned Parenthood provides.\(^{5}\) In fact, it is estimated Planned Parenthood health centers prevent 579,000 unintended pregnancies each year.
- When Texas eliminated Planned Parenthood from its state family planning program, researchers found that women had reduced access to the full range of contraceptive methods and likely experienced higher rates of unintended pregnancy. Specifically, researchers found a 35 percent decline in women using the most effective methods of birth control and a dramatic 27 percent spike in births among women who had previously used injectable contraception.\(^{6}\)
- Following the closure of Planned Parenthood health centers in Wisconsin and Texas, researchers found that an increase of 100 miles to the nearest health center resulted in a 6 percent decrease in women obtaining breast exams, and a 9 percent decrease in women accessing Pap tests.\(^{7}\)

**Blocking access to care at Planned Parenthood would have a disproportionate impact on communities of color.**

- Due to the intersection of racism, sexism, classism, xenophobia, and other systemic barriers, people of color in the United States are disproportionately unable to access and benefit from quality health care. People denied access to competent, affordable, accessible and humane health care see poorer health outcomes.\(^{8}\)
- Inequity in health care access is linked to factors like income, and barriers like ability and time to go to a health care provider. This is compounded when politicians place additional barriers to essential and lifesaving health care. That is exactly what is happening in states that are targeting access to care at Planned Parenthood.\(^{9}\)
- Black and Latina women face more barriers to accessing care than white women, and are less likely to receive preventive screenings. This means Black and Latina women have higher rates of being


diagnosed at later stages and are more likely to experience poorer health outcomes when it comes to breast cancer.\textsuperscript{10}

- A greater percentage of Latinas (20 percent) are uninsured than the women of any other racial or ethnic group and 21 percent are in poverty.\textsuperscript{11} Approximately 16 percent of Latinas have not visited a physician in the last two years and one-quarter of Latinas don't have a regular health care provider. Latinas are more likely to be diagnosed with cervical cancer than women of any other racial or ethnic group, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Latinas.\textsuperscript{12}
- Nearly 14 percent of Black women are uninsured and 23 percent live in poverty. These barriers mean too often Black women are forced to delay care because they lack the resources to pay for it. Black women are 40 percent more likely to die of breast cancer than white women. Black women are twice as likely to lose their lives to cervical cancer as non-Latino white women.\textsuperscript{13, 14}
- Many of the states where Planned Parenthood serves the highest percentage of Black and Latino patients are also where access to care has been threatened in the last year. There are now 24 states that have passed senseless legislation and regulations that have threatened over 300,000 Black and Latino patients’ access to care at Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood health centers often provide preventive services that other safety-net family planning providers simply do not offer. In a study of Community Health Centers (CHCs) 69 percent reported referring their patients to family planning providers, like Planned Parenthood health centers, for family planning care.\textsuperscript{15}

- Only 19 percent of CHCs reported that their largest sites both prescribe and dispense offer all contraceptive methods on-site. Approximately half of CHCs receiving Title X funding provide IUDs or implants on-site, and 25 percent do not provide oral contraceptives on-site.\textsuperscript{16}
- Another survey of providers offering publicly funded family planning care — including health departments, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), and Planned Parenthood health centers — found that Planned Parenthood health centers are most likely to provide at least 10 reversible contraceptive methods on-site, provide at least a six-month pill supply, offer IUDs and implants, and use rapid-result testing for HIV, which increases access to testing and quickly links people with HIV to treatment.\textsuperscript{17}

“The assertion that community health centers could step into a breach of this magnitude is simply wrong and displays a fundamental misunderstanding of how the health care system works.”  – Sara Rosenbaum, J.D., Founding Chair of the Department of Health Policy at George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health\textsuperscript{18}