

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 95

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges United States Department of Health and Human Services to revoke recent rule changes to federal Title X program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the United States Department
2 of Health and Human Services to revoke recent rule changes to
3 the federal Title X program.
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5 **WHEREAS**, For more than 40 years, family planning clinics funded by
6 the Title X grant program administered by the Office of Population
7 Affairs in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have
8 played a critical role in ensuring access to a broad range of family
9 planning and related preventive health services for millions of
10 people, including those with low incomes and those who are
11 uninsured; and
12 **WHEREAS**, Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely
13 to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and
14 related preventive health services; and
15 **WHEREAS**, For decades, the Title X program has helped to provide
16 access to reproductive health care including birth control, cancer
17 screenings, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted
18 diseases; and
19 **WHEREAS**, The Title X program is a safety net for low income, poor
20 and uninsured women, men and adolescents, who might not
21 otherwise have the means to afford family planning and
22 preventative care; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Title X provides funding for nearly 100,000 New
24 Jerseyans to access care each year; and
25 **WHEREAS**, The Trump Administration recently finalized a domestic
26 “gag” rule, prohibiting Title X providers from recommending or
27 referring a patient for abortion services; and
28 **WHEREAS**, This rule violates medical ethics by restricting providers
29 from sharing comprehensive medical information with their
30 patients; and
31 **WHEREAS**, The Title X “gag” rule would make it impossible for
32 patients who rely on Title X to receive care from providers such as
33 Planned Parenthood; and
34 **WHEREAS**, Everyone deserves quality medical care, including access
35 to reproductive health care and family planning services; and
36 **WHEREAS**, As a state, New Jersey has seen firsthand the implications
37 of threatening funding for family planning; and
38 **WHEREAS**, Cuts to state family planning funding led to a 35 percent
39 increase in sexually transmitted infections Statewide between 2009
40 and 2015; and
41 **WHEREAS**, Politicians should not prevent patients from making an
42 informed decision about their health and their futures; and
43 **WHEREAS**, Affordable family planning helps women to plan for a
44 family on their own terms, giving women control over their futures;
45 and
46 **WHEREAS**, Access to reproductive health care should not depend on
47 the person’s income or zip code; and

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