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Title: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby oppose the United States Department of Health and Human Services' proposed rule changes to Title X and the harmful effects of a lack of basic healthcare and services that stem from these changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby urges the Department of Health and Human Services to study the public's support of family planning services and to take steps to provide access to all forms of reproductive health information and services without information bans.

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WHEREAS, Title X projects must currently offer pregnant women referrals upon request for a range of options, including for prenatal care and delivery; infant care, foster care, or adoption; and abortion; and

WHEREAS, Title X funding goes to a network of more than 4,500 clinics that serve more than 5 million patients every year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on June 1, 2018, that would change the regulations governing Title X; and

WHEREAS, the proposed NPRM gag rule would ban doctors, nurses, hospitals, community health centers, and any other provider from giving patients referrals for abortions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would require that a project may not “provide, promote, refer for, support, or present abortion as a method of family planning” and would only allow pregnant patients to be given a list of “comprehensive health service providers who do not provide abortion as a part of their services;” and

WHEREAS, the NPRM’s publication in the Federal Register marks the beginning of a notice-and-comment rulemaking process. For a period of 60 days, the agency will solicit public comment on the proposal. After this period ends, HHS will review all the received comments and may issue a final rule; and

WHEREAS, major medical associations like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the

American College of Physicians, and others oppose this rule; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 members of Congress and more than 110 public health organizations have come out in opposition to the gag rule policy; and

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