



Planned Parenthood of Northern New England

NEWS SOURCE

Special Defunding Edition: Part 2

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT & CEO MEAGAN GALLAGHER

Dear Friends,

In February, we sent you a special edition of this newsletter to update you on the Title X Gag Rule – an effort to block Planned Parenthood’s participation in the Title X federal family planning program. Despite exhausting every option available to stop the government from interfering with a patient’s relationship with their provider, **the Gag Rule is now in effect and PPNNE has been defunded.** It is chilling to see how far the Trump administration will go to prevent people from accessing reproductive health care.

PPNNE has made a commitment to our patients that the loss of this funding will not affect their ability to access our care, regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, income, zip code, or immigration status.

Our doors remain open and no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Inside this edition of *News Source*, you’ll learn more about the defunding and about a wonderful opportunity to have your financial support go even further at this time.

Whether you have supported PPNNE for 50 years or 5 years or if using the envelope enclosed will be your first time, **there has never been a better time to stand with PPNNE and our patients.**

Onward together,

Meagan



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A QUICK REFRESHER

What is Title X?

Title X (pronounced Title Ten), established in 1970, is the nation's program for affordable birth control and reproductive health care. Receiving \$1.8M annually, PPNNE had participated in the Title X program since it started 50 years ago, allowing patients to receive affordable birth control, wellness exams, cancer screenings, and STD testing and treatment.

What is the Gag Rule?

On February 22, 2019, the Trump-Pence Administration finalized changes to Title X that required Title X providers to withhold information about abortion to patients. This rule is a clear violation of medical ethics and standards of care.

**PATIENTS
DESERVE
THE
FACTS.**

How Title X Serves Our Region

Last year, **more than 31,000 patients** were served at PPNNE's 21 health centers across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont through the Title X program.



11,557 of our New Hampshire patients were served through Title X.



10,106 of our Maine patients were served through Title X.



9,772 of our Vermont patients were served through Title X.

Title X patients make up 76% of the total number of patients we serve.

Our Patients Say It Best ...

“Without Planned Parenthood, I wouldn't have received the affordable care and services that are offered here. All of the staff are friendly and make sure I'm comfortable and educated. Politicians shouldn't be the ones to decide who I get my healthcare from. It's my right.”

PPNNE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM TITLE X

On August 19, PPNNE, along with all other Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country, were forced to withdraw from Title X because the unethical Gag Rule would have prevented us from giving our patients complete and accurate information.

PPNNE's health care providers are not going to conceal any information from our patients in exchange for federal funding, and we refuse to let the Trump administration bully us into withholding information about safe, legal abortion.

PPNNE has made a commitment to our patients that the loss of this funding will not affect their care. All PPNNE health centers across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont remain open and no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

We are able to keep this promise to patients because of careful planning by PPNNE staff,

backfill funds, and of course, generous support from donors which plays a crucial part in our ability to serve all those who come to us, each and every year.

We are incredibly grateful to our state legislature and Governor in Vermont, and to legislative leadership in New Hampshire for providing state funds to cover the loss of federal funds. In Maine, Speaker of the House, Sara Gideon, has introduced a bill to restore funding in 2020.

This is the groundwork we've been laying for years in our region, knowing this threat was imminent. Your voices and support are what make this possible. However, with rising health care costs and never-ending battles to protect patient access, **we still have to raise more this year than we've ever needed to in annual support.** There is no better time to stand with PPNNE patients.



You can help. Make a gift today.

Every bit helps and **right now your gift can go even further!** That's because PPNNE friends Jennifer & Frederick Bagley, Roy Langenberg, Margot & Roger Milliken, and Elizabeth Steele, along with several other generous supporters, have come together to create a special **\$250,000 matching challenge**. They know that, together, we can keep the promise to our patients that their care will not be affected.

Gifts received by November 15th will be matched - 2 to 1 - and have TRIPLE the impact!

4 WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO US

1. Make a gift or sign up to be a monthly Sustainer using the enclosed envelope.
2. Make your gift online at www.ppnne.org/annualfund or over the phone at 1-800-287-8188 ext. 9704.
3. Make a gift of stock - contact Jennifer Long, Director of Development Operations, at jennifer.long@ppnne.org.
4. If you are over the age of 70 ½, you can make a gift from your IRA. Call us for details at 1-800-287-8188 ext. 9704.

Other ways you can help:

Become A Patient

At Planned Parenthood, our supporters are our patients and our patients are our supporters. One of the best ways to support us is to come to us for your health care. When you use your insurance at Planned Parenthood, you help us provide care to those who cannot afford their services. Think of it as a way of paying it forward!

Become An Activist

Make your voice heard through our Action Funds. Email us in Vermont at grassrootsvt@ppnne.org, in New Hampshire at grassrootsnh@ppnne.org, or in Maine at grassrootsme@ppnne.org to learn how you can get involved.

Hold Your Own Fundraiser

Bake sales, yoga classes, concerts, house parties, races, business sales, college projects - our supporters have done them all. If you want to host a house party or event, or if your business wants to support PPNNE, please do! Contact Jennifer Long, Director of Development Operations, at jennifer.long@ppnne.org.

Thanks to you and your continued support, our doors are open.

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