



Legislation Text

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Item:

Resolution to Support Women's Health

Date of BOCC Meeting: April 9, 2018

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to adopt a resolution calling on the federal government to repeal the Hyde Amendment, a federal budget provision that bars Medicaid recipients from using their insurance to access abortion care (except in very limited circumstances).

The Hyde Amendment, first passed by Congress in 1976, bans Medicaid coverage of abortion. Federal law also prohibits insurance coverage of abortion for women who qualify for other government-sponsored insurance programs, including women enrolled in Medicare, veterans and active members of the military, federal employees, Native American women, women in federal prison, and women who serve in the Peace Corps. As a result of the Hyde Amendment and similar restrictions, nearly 29 million women of reproductive age do not have insurance coverage for abortion.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2 - Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair; Tara Romano, Executive Director NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution as submitted.

County Manager: _____