

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 2020

The Honorable Mehmet Oz, MD  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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Dear Secretary Kennedy and Administrator Oz:

We write to you today as Members of Congress from California who represent communities that have lost access to reproductive health care due to Planned Parenthood center closures. We strongly oppose the exclusion of Planned Parenthood from Medicaid reimbursements and write to highlight the real world consequences of these cuts. Despite providing access to lifesaving services across the reproductive care spectrum, this Administration's targeting of Planned Parenthood has led to five health center closures in our congressional districts. We urge you to recognize the important role reproductive health care centers play in expanding access to care and demand you comply with a federal court's preliminary injunction halting enforcement of this harmful cut in funding.

Planned Parenthood has nearly 600 health centers that play an essential role in the health care ecosystem, providing care to 2.1 million patients a year. These centers provide essential health care to many of our constituents, from prenatal and postpartum services to cancer screenings, and so much more. The need is clear: 1 in 3 women have been to a Planned Parenthood health center and almost 65 percent of Planned Parenthood patients live at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty line. Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, which operates in California and Nevada, serves more than 300,000 people annually, 80 percent of whom use Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program) to access care.

This Administration has targeted reproductive health care, and specifically Planned Parenthood, by excluding it from receiving critical Medicaid reimbursements. Section 71113 of Public Law 119-21 set a year-long restriction on state Medicaid programs from reimbursing nonprofit providers "primarily engaged in family planning services, reproductive health, and related medical care" if they also provide abortions and meet other criteria designed to target Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America, on behalf of itself and its members, sued to challenge the constitutionality of Section 71113. The U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts preliminarily enjoined the provision on July 28, 2025. As the case proceeds, Planned Parenthood members face uncertainty and threats from the Administration should it seek to clawback any reimbursements received under the injunction if the decision is later reversed.

Due to this exclusion from Medicaid and remaining uncertainty, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte has been forced to close five health centers in South San Francisco, San Mateo, Gilroy, Santa Cruz, and Madera in our state. These centers, which have served over 23,000 patients in the past year, provided essential care to their communities, including cancer screenings and STI testing.

These policy choices have also forced Planned Parenthood Mar Monte to sunset three of their services, which an ever-increasing number of patients have come to rely on: family medicine, behavioral health, and prenatal care. For example, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte has provided family medicine in many locations for close to 30 years, sometimes serving three generations of families, but that service is no longer available. In Madera, the local hospital shuttered its doors in January 2023. After being closed for two years, it reopened this year but does not provide numerous reproductive health care services. This lack of service, coupled with the closure of the Madera Planned Parenthood health center, creates a monumental gap in care for those living in the area.

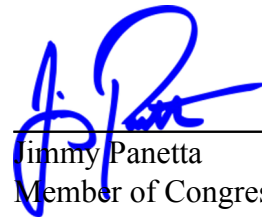
We demand that you adhere to a Federal District Judge's preliminary injunction from enforcing this restriction on reimbursements. Not only are the closed health centers vital health care providers in our communities, but as the Court lays out, Section 71113 is a tool for retaliating against Planned Parenthood. We recognize this will be an ongoing legal dispute, but stand firm in demanding you comply with the district court's current injunction.

With so much instability in the health care system right now, our constituents should not have to bear the burden of health center closures. You have a duty to ensure that they, along with all Americans, have access to health care, including safe and quality reproductive care. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



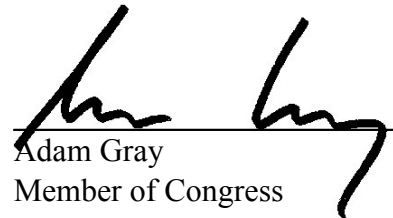
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