

1 [Urging the Department of Health and Human Services to Adopt Title X Rule 937-AA04]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt its proposed**
4 **rule 937-AA04, precluding state and local jurisdictions from withholding Title X Family**
5 **Planning grants to health care providers, including Planned Parenthood, for reasons**
6 **unrelated to the provider’s ability to deliver public health and women’s health services.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Title X Family Planning program was enacted in 1970 as Title X of the
9 Public Health Service Act; and

10 WHEREAS, Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated exclusively to providing
11 individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventative health services; and

12 WHEREAS, Family planning centers supported by Title X grants provide a broad range
13 of FDA-approved contraceptive methods and related counselling, in addition to breast and
14 cervical cancer screening, pregnancy testing and counseling, screening and treatment for
15 sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing, among many other healthcare services; and

16 WHEREAS, Title X grants support a network of nearly 4,200 family planning centers
17 nationally which serve nearly 4.5 million clients a year; and

18 WHEREAS, Title X staff are specially trained to meet the contraceptive needs of
19 individuals with limited English proficiency, teenagers, those confronting substance abuse,
20 homelessness, and domestic violence situations; and

21 WHEREAS, Federal Title X funds generally are distributed by State and local
22 governments; and

23 WHEREAS, 85% of patients who use Title X have incomes below \$23,500 and nearly
24 one third of those patients are served by Planned Parenthood; and

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1 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood uses the \$70,000,000 it receives each year in Title X
2 grants to subsidize cancer and sexually transmitted infection screenings and contraceptives
3 for people who can't afford them; and

4 WHEREAS, Title X does not allow any money to be used for abortions; and

5 WHEREAS, Ignoring the critical public health services provided to low-income
6 Americans by Planned Parenthood under the Title X program, at least 14 states have taken
7 recent action to cut Title X funds to Planned Parenthood; and

8 WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress have repeatedly attempted to defund all support
9 of Planned Parenthood under Title X for political reasons rather than for reasons related to
10 ability to provide care; and

11 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services has proposed a rule that
12 would prevent states from withholding Title X federal grants from recipients for any reason
13 other than the provider's "ability to deliver services to program beneficiaries in an effective
14 manner;" and

15 WHEREAS, The proposed rule would permanently halt politically-backed efforts to
16 defund crucial healthcare service providers including Planned Parenthood; and

17 WHEREAS, The proposed rule is currently in a 30-day public comment period; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 strongly supports the Department of Health and Human Services proposed rule that would
21 ensure that local and state jurisdictions cannot withhold Title X funds from healthcare
22 providers for reasons unrelated to the ability to deliver quality care; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
24 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to submit this resolution as an official comment
25 through the Federal eRulemaking Portal upon final passage.