

# The Ryan-DeLauro (H.R. 3312) Abortion Connection

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The Ryan-Delauro bill (H.R. 3312), referred to as the “Preventing Unintended Pregnancies, Reducing the Need for Abortion, and Supporting Parents Act,” is being promoted as “common ground” legislation in the abortion wars. In reality, the bill is woefully misguided. While it does provide some helpful safety net services for women who find themselves in a difficult pregnancy, **there is no doubt that H.R. 3312 will result in more abortions.**

H.R. 3312 will facilitate more use of the abortion-inducing Plan B “morning after” pill, increase the number of “family planning” clinics on college campuses, and provide increased funding for Planned Parenthood. The following evidence from the bill is undeniable.

## I. The Plan B “Morning after Pill” Connection

- The bill includes funding for teaching teenagers about all forms of contraception and encouraging its increased use.
  - Section 102 of the bill says groups that teach teens about pregnancy issues must include “information about the risks and benefits of all contraceptives.”
    - SEC. 102. EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR PREVENTING TEEN PREGNANCIES.
      - (2) The applicant agrees that strategies replicate or substantially incorporate the elements of one or more comprehensive education programs that have been proven effective on the basis of rigorous scientific research to--...
        - (B) improve contraceptive use;...
      - (4) The applicant agrees that the project will substantially incorporate the following elements--
        - (B) provide comprehensive educational services and interventions, including information about the risks and benefits of all contraceptives as a means to prevent pregnancy and reduce the risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS
  - Section 301 of the bill says those who use federal funds for teen pregnancy prevention programs must “increase contraceptive use among sexually active teens” and can offer “preventive health services” as a means to reduce teen pregnancy.
    - SEC. 301. TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION INCENTIVE GRANTS.
      - (i) IN GENERAL- A State or Indian tribe shall use funds provided under a grant under this paragraph to implement teen pregnancy prevention strategies that meet the following requirement
        - (I) The strategies replicate or substantially incorporate the elements of one or more teen pregnancy prevention programs that have been proven effective on the basis of rigorous scientific research to--
          - (bb) increase contraceptive use among sexually active teens; or
          - (cc) reduce teenage pregnancy.

(II) The strategies incorporate one or more of the following strategies for preventing teenage pregnancy:  
(cc) Preventive health services

- Because Plan B is referred to in the medical literature as a contraceptive, the Ryan-DeLauro bill will include teaching teenagers about it and encouraging its use.
  - Plan B is referred to in the medical literature as a contraceptive.
    - Here is the language about Plan B from Duramed, the distributor of the drug, “Plan B® One-Step is intended to prevent pregnancy after known or suspected contraceptive failure or unprotected intercourse.”  
<http://www.go2planb.com/index2.aspx>
    - Bruce L. Downey, Barr's Chairman and CEO, commented, “Although Plan B will continue to be available to all women of child-bearing age, we believe making Plan B available without a prescription to those 18 and older will ensure that millions of women have more timely access to an emergency oral contraceptive following unprotected sexual intercourse or a contraceptive failure.” <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=60908&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=899120>
  - Plan B is more than a contraceptive. It also causes abortion of a young embryo by preventing implantation in the uterine wall. Here is Duramed's explanation to pharmacists about how the drug works:
    - Preventing ovulation.
    - Possibly preventing fertilization by altering tubal transport of sperm and/or egg.
    - Altering the endometrium, which may inhibit implantation.  
<http://www.go2planb.com/plan-b-pharmacists/how-plan-b-works.aspx>.
  - If Plan B is not explicitly excluded, it will be included in these programs. Unfortunately, the bill does not specifically exclude Plan B or other abortion drugs, devices or services. In an earlier version of the Ryan-DeLauro bill there was language that actually prohibited abortion-inducing drugs and devices. Whenever contraception was discussed in the bill, the following language was inserted:  
“(g) EXCLUSION OF DRUGS, DEVICES, AND SERVICES INTENDED TO INDUCE AN ABORTION.—This section shall not apply to drugs, devices, and services intended to induce an abortion.”

The absence of this qualifying language from H.R. 3312 means that the writers intend to allow federal funding of abortion-inducing drugs and other abortion-related devices and services.

## II. The Family Planning Connection

- The bill specifically calls for establishing “campus-based family planning services” among community college students. Here is the language:  
SEC. 602. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS TO PREVENT UNPLANNED PREGNANCY AMONG COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.  
(a) In General- The Secretary of Education shall award demonstration grants under this section on a competitive basis to community colleges for the purpose of developing and implementing innovative approaches to prevent unplanned pregnancy and promote healthy relationships among women and men in community colleges in order to remove a barrier to degree completion by these students, reduce poverty among these students, and improve the success of these students.  
(1) IN GENERAL- A grant made under this section may be used for one or more of the following...  
(D) Creating partnerships with community-based organizations who have expertise in addressing pregnancy prevention or healthy relationships...  
(F) Providing campus-based family planning services.
- The bill mandates that states include family planning services for all Medicaid patients. Here is the language:  
SEC. 701. CLARIFICATION OF CONTINUED MEDICAID COVERAGE OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.  
(a) In General- Section 1937(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-7(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
(5) COVERAGE OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND SUPPLIES- Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this section, a State may not provide for medical assistance through enrollment of an individual with benchmark coverage or benchmark equivalent coverage under this section unless such coverage includes, for any individual (described in section 1905(a)(4)(C)) medical assistance for family planning and services in accordance with such section.'
- It is established fact that “family planning services” include abortion services and contraception distribution.

## III. The Planned Parenthood Connection

- The Ryan-DeLauro bill more than doubles current Title X funding to \$700 million, and additional funds as needed in future years.  
SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.  
This title may be cited as the `Title X Family Planning Services Act of 2009'.  
SEC. 1002. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.  
For the purpose of making grants and contracts under section 1001 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300), there are authorized to be appropriated \$700,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year.
- Planned Parenthood is a primary recipient of these funds. In their 2007-2008 fiscal year, Planned Parenthood received nearly \$350 million dollars from the government for their “family planning” services. In that same year, their clinics performed more than 305,000 abortions, more than 1/4 of all the abortions performed in the United States.
- While federal funds cannot be used for abortion, Planned Parenthood is able to use these funds for their other activities and administrative costs,

freeing up money from other sources, including from the states, to fund their abortion and abortion-related activities.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

The Ryan-DeLauro bill (H.R. 3312) is an abortion bill. It provides federal funding and stipulations that will result in more abortions. Plan B is an abortion-inducing drug. Family planning services often include abortion and abortion-related offerings among their services. Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, will receive funding under this bill.

There is a reason both NARAL and Planned Parenthood have endorsed the Ryan-DeLauro bill. While it is promoted as a compromise bill that people on all sides of the abortion debate can support, in reality it is not. It is only a compromise for the pro-life community. The pro-abortion community has not given up anything in this bill. No abortion or abortion-related activity is restricted by this bill. On the other hand, the pro-life community is being asked to endorse more abortion funding in order to get some pro-life protections for pregnant women. All of the compromise in this bill is from the pro-life community.

If someone is looking for a legitimate abortion-neutral bill, they should support the Pregnant Women Support Act, (S. 1032, H.R. 2035). The Pregnant Women Support Act offers nearly all of the safety-net features for pregnant women contained in the Ryan-DeLauro bill plus many others, without any of the pro-abortion compromise. Those who are truly interested in reducing abortions in this country should support the Pregnant Women Support Act and oppose the Ryan-DeLauro bill.

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