

NFPRHA WORKED TO Make it Right for Title X

– and the Biden Administration Listened

NFPRHA began preparing its Make It Right campaign months before President Biden was elected to office, fully aware of how important it would be to engage immediately with a new administration to restore the integrity of the Title X program. Throughout our campaign, we had two main goals 1) to urge the Biden administration to rescind the 2019 rule, and 2) insert important improvements to increase access to equitable, high-quality care. These were critical steps to be able to bring withdrawn entities—grantees and subrecipients—back into the program, and to help ongoing Title X entities that have struggled due to the Title X 2019 rule. **The 2019 rule took away access to high-quality family planning care for millions who needed it; the new Title X rule begins to repair that damage.**

The final rule makes the following commitments to the nation's family planning program that NFPRHA had urged:



Rescind the 2019 rule.

The final rule officially rolls back the harmful restrictions of the 2019 rule, which prompted at least 1,300 health centers to withdraw from the Title X family planning program and caused more than 1.5 million people to lose access to Title X-funded care.



Implement as quickly as possible.

The final rule will be effective in 30 days. Most rules require a 60-day effective date, but NFPRHA pushed for 30 days so that withdrawn subrecipients could return to the program sooner.



Strengthen adolescent patient confidentiality.

The regulation includes the long-standing prohibition on notifying or obtaining consent of parents/guardians for services to adolescents, protecting adolescent confidentiality in accordance with the Title X statute.



Improve telehealth services.

The final rule explicitly addresses the importance of telehealth services, including audio-only modalities, in Title X-funded settings.



Set standards for health equity.

Applicants will be scored on their commitment to provide equitable care. As part of this commitment, OPA is using gender-inclusive language.



Allow self-reported income verification.

Patients can self-report their income to be eligible for free or discounted health care services.



Ensure patients receive complete and unbiased information.

The final rule ensures pregnant patients can receive nondirective counseling on all their options and referrals upon request.



Be inclusive of non-clinical providers.

HHS emphasizes the critical role of non-physician clinicians, such as Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, as health care providers who can deliver health care in a Title X-funded health center.