

## A Broad Range of Individuals and Organizations Oppose the Proposed HHS Rule

In late August, the Department of Health and Human Services proposed a rule that would undermine patient's access to vital health services and information by greatly expanding existing laws intended to govern the right to refuse to provide abortion care. The public comment period ended on September 25. Though a complete list of all comments is not yet available, a broad range of individuals and organizations opposed the rule, including:

- > Twenty-eight **United States Senators**, including Senators Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Senator Joe Biden, and Senator Patty Murray;
- > 131 Members of the **U.S. House of Representatives**, including Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA), Congressman Charlie Dent (R-PA), and many others;
- > Fourteen **State Attorneys General**, including Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Mark Shurtleff of Utah, Terry Goddard of Arizona and others;
- > Twenty-seven **State Medical Societies**, including the Texas Medical Association, South Dakota State Medical Association, and the North Carolina Medical Society;
- > Associations of **State Health Officials**, including the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Association of Maternal and Child Health;
- > **American Medical Association**;
- > A number of provider organizations, including the **American Hospital Association** and the **National Association of Community Health Centers**;
- > More than a dozen medical specialty societies, including the **American College of Emergency Physicians**, the **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**, the **American College of Surgeons**, and the **American Academy of Pediatrics**;
- > A range of **women's organizations**, including the National Women's Law Center, League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women USA, American Association of University Women, and National Council of Women's Organizations;

- > **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Commissioners;**
- > Professional nurses associations, including the **American Nurses Association**, the **Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses**, and the **National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health**;
- > Leading **reproductive rights advocacy organizations**, including Planned Parenthood Federation of America, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Republican Majority for Choice, and dozens of other leading organizations;
- > **HIV/AIDS provider and advocacy organizations**, including AIDS Action Council;
- > **Religious organizations**, including the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and United Methodist Church, General Board of Church & Society;
- > **American Civil Liberties Union** and other leading civil rights and civil liberties advocacy organizations;
- > **LGBT advocacy organizations**, including the Human Rights Campaign, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund, the National Coalition for LGBT Health, and Lambda Legal;
- > **International advocacy groups**, including Population Services International and the Global AIDS Alliance, and many others.