

# Women's Health – ACP Policies and Activities

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# ACP Policy and Recent Activities – Women’s Health

- 2018 Policy Paper: **Women's Health Policy in the United States**
  - <https://annals.org/aim/fullarticle/2682682/women-s-health-policy-united-states-american-college-physicians-position>
- [Support](#) for **H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2019**, legislation that authorizes funding for services to protect and improve the health of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- Oppose HHS proposed rollback of LGBTQIA nondiscrimination protections under Section 1557 of the ACA and religious exemption that could restrict access to reproductive health care – [Group of 6](#) and [with many others](#).
- **Title X:**
  - Strongly oppose the HHS revised regulations of the Title X – [ACP](#) and [with many others](#).
  - [Urge language in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education \(LHHS\) Appropriations bill](#) to support the Title X Family Planning program – [also with many others](#)
  - Oppose state efforts that inappropriately interfere with the patient-physician relationship – [Group of 6](#)

# ACP Policy and Recent Activities and How You Can Help! – Women's Health

- Amicus Briefs:
  - **Planned Parenthood v. Baker** - South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued an executive order directing the state HHS to deem abortion clinics, and affiliated physicians and practices, enrolled in the Medicaid program unqualified to provide family planning services.
  - **Baltimore v. Azar; California v. Azar; Oregon v. Azar; Washington v. Azar; American Medical Association, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, et. al v. Azar** – Title X program
  - **June Medical Services v. Gee** - State of Louisiana passed into law measures to delay and limit access to abortion, including increased mandatory waiting periods and requiring providers have admitting privileges at hospital within 30 miles.
  - **Reproductive Health Services of St. Louis, Inc. v. Parson** - Physicians who provide an abortion past the gestational age limits would be found guilty of a Class B felony and be subject to loss of professional licensure, among other restrictions. Provisional injunction now in place re: gestational age.
- Keep ACP informed of any legislation that is moving forward in your state that either improves or reduces access to comprehensive reproductive health care services
  - Some of these would put non-evidence-based practices in place in order to limit access or dictate what a physician can or cannot say to a patient during their encounter.
  - These pieces of legislation can have national, longer term implications that may even go beyond women's health, therefore...
  - ACP may choose to make a statement about these efforts and would love to work with the chapters more on these issues!