

ABORTION IN OBAMACARE

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BACKGROUND

- Because the Obama Administration has failed to be transparent about abortion coverage, the Family Research Council (FRC) and Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) have done extensive research once again in 2017 to piece together as much information as they could for the consumer to make an informed choice about Obamacare insurance purchases. This information is available on ObamacareAbortion.com.*
- The Obama Administration is hiding the massive taxpayer funding for abortion that is in Obamacare. Obamacare contains subsidies/funds for plans with elective abortion coverage.
- The American people should not be forced to subsidize others' abortions.
- Through their federal taxes, people who live in states where plans do not cover abortion are still subsidizing abortion on demand in plans in other states – this would never be allowed if the Hyde amendment had truly been applied to Obamacare.
- Because Obamacare violates the principles of the Hyde amendment ban on subsidizing abortion, and because Obamacare lacks transparency for Americans, Congress must enact the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015 (H.R. 7).

2017 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- 25 states have opted out of covering abortion on demand on the exchange.
- Of the 25 remaining states (plus the District of Columbia) which permit elective abortion coverage in exchange plans:
 - 15 states are part of the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace.
 - 11 states (including the District of Columbia) are part of the state-run exchange.
- Considering all exchange plans in states that permit elective abortion coverage on the exchange, **an estimated 57% (around 891 plans) cover abortion on demand.**
- 6 locales have abortion-only plan options: Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Washington.
- 10 states and the District of Columbia have 85% or more of the exchange plans covering abortion on demand.

- 3 additional states have about 50% to 85% of the exchange plans covering abortion on demand.
- 11 fewer states are participating in the Multi-State Plan program than in 2016 (12 states dropped, one new state added).
 - For 2017, there are 203 MSPs total. None cover elective abortion.
- 76% (39 states) of total states now run via the federally-facilitated marketplace on healthcare.gov
- 24% (12 states and the District of Columbia) of total states have state-run exchanges.
- **In 2017, 6 locales have abortion-only plan options:**
 - **Alaska** – lost last year’s abortion-excluding plans because the state no longer has MSPs
 - **District of Columbia** – lost last year’s abortion-excluding plans because DC no longer has MSPs
 - **Hawaii** – never had abortion-excluding plans
 - **Massachusetts** – lost last year’s abortion-excluding plans because the only carrier that excluded it in 2016 exited the marketplace in 2017
 - **Vermont** – never had abortion-excluding plans
 - **Washington** – lost last year’s abortion-excluding plans because the state no longer has MSPs

In 2016: 2 states (Hawaii, Vermont).

In 2015: 4 states (Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont).

In 2014: 5 states (Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont).

- **In 2017, there are 11 locales (including the District of Columbia) with 85% or more of the exchange plans covering abortion on demand:**

Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Vermont, Washington, California, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire

1. **Alaska (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, a new situation for 2017. In 2016, 76% covered elective abortion.
2. **District of Columbia (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, a new situation for 2017. In 2016, 92% covered elective abortion.
3. **Hawaii (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, as in 2014-16.
4. **Massachusetts (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, a new situation for 2017. In 2016, 87% covered elective abortion.
5. **Vermont (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, as in 2014-16.
6. **Washington (100%):** All Individual exchange plans cover elective abortion, a new situation for 2017. In 2016, 95% covered elective abortion.

7. **California (96%):** In 2017, as in 2014 to 2016, California’s state abortion mandate forces every insurance carrier to cover elective abortion on demand in their plans. The plan options that do not include coverage for abortion on demand in California are the 4 MSPs, which are overseen by OPM, a federal agency.
8. **New York (95%):** In 2017, there is only one carrier that excludes elective abortion in all plans, and an additional 8 MSPs that exclude elective abortion. In 2016, 96% covered elective abortion.
9. **Maryland (91%):** In 2017, there is only one carrier that excludes elective abortion in all plans. In 2016, 49% of plans covered elective abortion.
10. **Connecticut (89%):** In 2017, there are only 2 Individual exchange plans that exclude elective abortion (both are MSPs) compared to 12 plans that excluded elective abortion in 2016.
11. **New Hampshire (85%):** In 2017, there are only 5 plans that exclude elective abortion (3 are MSPs); in 2016, 91% of plans covered elective abortion.

- **In 2017, there are 3 states with 50% to 85% of the exchange plans covering abortion on demand:**
 1. Oregon (76%)
 2. Rhode Island (65%)
 3. Montana (52%)

- **States that opted out of providing elective abortion coverage in exchange plans: 25**
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin

These states have enacted a life-affirming law to ensure that elective *abortion is not included in any of the plans sold on the exchange for their state*. However, *taxpayers in each state are still paying federal taxes that are used by the federal government to pay for coverage that includes elective abortion in other states*. For example, an estimated 1.25 million Californians received federal taxpayer subsidies in 2014 and 96% of plans sold in California included abortion on demand. Between 2015 and 2024 an estimated \$855 billion in federal subsidies will be used in every state to pay for Obamacare health plans, many of which include elective abortion.

- **2017 Non opt-out states where the exchange is part of the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace: 15 States**

Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, West Virginia, Wyoming.

● **2017 Non opt-out states where the exchange is State-Run:** 11 including the District of Columbia

California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington.

States with Multi-State Plans:

For 2017: 22 states (New State: New Mexico; Dropped: 12 states – Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, and West Virginia).

For 2016: 32 states and the District of Columbia. (New state: Alabama. Dropped: Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah will not have an MSP option in 2016). Obamacare requires that MSPs be available in every state by 2017, with at least one pro-life plan due to the MSP Program.

For 2015: 35 states with MSPs and District of Columbia (New states: Connecticut, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, and Utah).

For 2014: 30 states with MSPs (Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia).

Do Multi-State Plan (MSP) options cover elective abortion services?

As required by the Affordable Care Act, MSP insurers in each State must offer at least one plan that does not include elective abortion services.

None of the 203 MSPs available for 2017 cover elective abortion.

For more information, please visit www.obamacareabortion.com.

*The information available on this site is based on our research of plans and information as it becomes available to us. We have provided our findings and encourage you to contact us at info@obamacareabortion.com if you find additional or conflicting information about Obamacare insurance plans provided in your state.

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