

Access

Planned Parenthood® of Indiana

PPIN Loses Medicaid Funds, Court Battle Ensues *A Temporary Fix Gives Patients Care For Now*

On May 10, Governor Mitch Daniels signed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1210 into law, a move intended to strip Planned Parenthood of Indiana (PPIN) of millions in federal funding and Medicaid reimbursements. As many as 22,000 PPIN patients were put at immediate risk of losing their health care provider. We were at the Federal courthouse within the hour seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) in U.S. District Court. The court denied our request, which was a deeply disappointing blow. On June 6, a hearing will be held on our motion for an injunction. We remain hopeful that the judge will rule in our favor.

HEA 1210 bars the state from entering into contracts with, or granting to, any entities (other than hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers) that provide abortions. Every penny of the funding in question pays for preventive health care for low-income Hoosiers – Pap tests, birth control, breast exams and STD testing and treatment.

During the initial hearing, the state agreed that the new law would not apply to Title V and Title XX federal family planning funds. PPIN's attorneys had already concluded that Title X funding was not

covered by the legislation. Because of the emergency provision of the bill, however, it means we stopped being a Medicaid provider that very day, leaving our 9,300 Medicaid patients without a medical home.

We were also forced to halt disease intervention services to hundreds of women and men in 22 counties. PPIN provided those services through staff based in our Lafayette and Muncie health centers by following up with individuals who tested positive for an STD or HIV, and contacting their partners who might be unknowingly carrying a disease.

As of this printing, we continue to provide services to Medicaid patients around the state with private funds. The coast-to-coast response to defunding has been astounding. Gifts have poured in from more than 1,000 donors in 46 states and several countries. We are delighted that those gifts enable us to continue to provide care to our Medicaid patients. We also know this is a only a temporary fix.

We continue to provide care because our patients are our first priority, regardless of their income and ability to pay. There are some limitations. We are not accepting new Medicaid-eligible patients unless they

pay out-of-pocket, and some services will be scheduled later to give the court time to issue a ruling on the injunction we are seeking.

State political leaders contend there are other options for Medicaid patients seeking care. But do they have the same array of services and products at the same (or no) cost and the same patient-friendly hours? Doubtful. What IS without doubt? That political leaders have been cavalier about the needs of less fortunate Hoosiers.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana will argue on our behalf that depriving Medicaid patients of their preferred health care provider is a violation of federal law. They also will argue that federal law is violated by prohibiting the state from contracting with, or granting to, abortion providers. The law would also compel PPIN's health care professionals to make statements to patients that are not medically and scientifically based, violating the constitution.

And so, the battle continues to protect our patients' access to preventive reproductive health care.

Thank You to Our Supporters

Planned Parenthood supporters were called upon again and again over the last few months, and you have responded time and again, and in so many ways. Thank you! We did not win this battle, but we plan to win the war in the courts.

More than 500 supporters gathered at the

Statehouse on March 8. The Statehouse lawn was a sea of pink when hundreds of activists donned their signature pink t-shirts. Your voices were loud and clear. Then, you wrote letters and e-mails and made the calls – more than 150,000 of them within days after the Senate passed

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the defunding language, and the sheer volume made it difficult for the governor's switchboard to keep up. You wrote countless Letters-to-the-Editor around the state. Your donations flooded in and through your incredible generosity, we've been able to temporarily extend some services to Medicaid patients. You stood with Planned Parenthood and it truly made a difference!

Here is what you've said:

When I was 18 years old, it was Planned Parenthood that performed the Pap test that detected the pre-cancerous cells on my cervix. Within months of detecting those cells, I was one stage below full-blown cancer. Had Planned Parenthood not caught those pre-cancerous cells when it did, I may not have known about my condition until it was too late...Without Planned Parenthood, I might not be here. Because of Planned Parenthood, however, I was able to graduate from college with honors, graduate from law school at the top of my class, obtain a job at a prestigious law firm, unflinchingly pay my fair share of taxes, get married, and last year, have a beautiful baby boy.

-Hannah, Indianapolis

...[If the state] were truly interested in reducing the number of abortions in Indiana, research shows you would do better to improve access to contraception and to teach the biology of sexual reproduction in the public schools, rather than reduce access to safe and legal abortion. I cannot help but think that this legislation is simply an attempt to curry votes by applying a specific religious doctrine to public policy at a time when the legislature should be focused on job creation within the state. I do not feel well-served by this legislation, and I deplore the waste of government resources that will be generated by the inevitable litigation on its constitutionality should it pass.

-Matthew, Fort Wayne

It saddens me how short-sighted [supporters] of this bill can be! I am pro-life and pro-health. Women need access to a variety of services Planned Parenthood offers. I remember various times throughout my life I relied on the support, counseling and care I was provided by Planned Parenthood. If not for access and funding, I personally would not have either sought care/treatment and/or couldn't have afforded it. I pray those I entrusted with making these important decisions, have considered the impact HB 1210 will have on women of all ages and races... now and in the future...I am a woman, mother, girlfriend, patient advocate and health care professional...Please let my voice be heard.

-Jennifer, Indianapolis

Thank you for sharing your stories. You have our unending gratitude for your courage and generosity. As long as we stand together, we can face any challenges.

In My Own Words *Betty Cockrum, President and CEO*



I don't often get an opportunity to share my truth with you. You are in this with us. You are part of our team. This is my reflection on the past few months. Thank you for listening.

Lawmakers got down to business on Jan. 5, filing more than 1,000 bills despite their constituents' wishes for smaller and less intrusive government. They filed bills to make Indiana an unwelcome place for many – undocumented immigrants, gays and lesbians and low-income women. They made life harder for Indiana workers who

already struggled in this tough economy. They tinkered with the state's constitution, and not in a good or positive way. Rhetoric was plentiful, but facts were few, and consequences, both immediate and far-reaching, seemingly of no concern. Extremists filed 17 bills to erode reproductive health care and limit choices for women and their families. Two of these bills passed.

HEA 1424 will require women who have abortions to disclose still more private information (including the father's age) on forms filed with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). This does nothing to improve care for women, but it will add administrative burden to the state health department, which has already suffered budget

cuts and daily on-the-job challenges.

HEA 1210, a sweeping anti-abortion bill, was amended in the last days of session to defund our organization. Officials in both chambers filed defunding language, but it was never heard in Senate committee or the full chamber. It was heard only in a House committee. Yet it passed through both chambers without real debate or democratic process. Unbelievable, but sadly consistent with their behavior throughout the session.

Lawmakers have outdone themselves contributing to the cycle of poverty in Indiana, where too many children already live with uncertainty about their next meal and a safe place to sleep at night. They voted against

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"medically-accurate" information. When asked to insert an amendment to protect birth control, legislators voted against it without hesitation.

Indiana has one of the highest rates of Medicaid-covered births in the country – more than half of all births. The cost is already nearly half a billion dollars. With the passage of this law, that number will increase and the public will bear the higher cost.

HEA 1210 will mandate that doctors misinform their patients as they make already difficult decisions for themselves and their families. They will now be forced to tell

them that "human physical life" begins with a fertilized egg, which could have a devastating impact on the future of birth control as we know it. Women will also be told that a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks and that abortion is linked to infertility. There is no hard science to back any of these claims.

One of the worst provisions is the ban on abortions after 20 weeks. Ninety-seven percent of all abortions occur before the 13th week of pregnancy. Women who make the gut-wrenching decision to end a pregnancy late-term are in the most dire circumstance, most often dealing with a tragic fetal anomaly. So now, they will be forced to travel

long distances and likely be separated from their families at a time when they will need them most. Why? Because the strident voices of extremists have the ear of conservative legislators emboldened by last fall's elections. They think they represent you. It's what they are being told by the noisy and relentless minority. We are certain they do not. It is time to hold them accountable and do all we can to protect Indiana's most vulnerable.

I send you my undying love and affection. You help us be smart and do good. Thanks for being family.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Betty Coelburn".

8th Annual *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods* Raises Record Amount for Women's Health Fund

It was a record-setting night at the 8th Annual *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods*, both in attendance and funds raised for the Women's Health Fund. Nearly 700 women and men gathered on April 16 in downtown Indianapolis and raised a record-shattering \$170,000 for this crucial fund that assists low-income women and men with reproductive health services.

The event was a tremendous success, and we would like to thank all of you who had a hand in making it so. From our staff, volunteers and vendors, to our host committee, board and sponsors, you are the reason the Women's Health Fund, and low-income Hoosiers across Indiana, will be receiving a big boost. Thanks to you, we'll be able to continue to provide Pap tests, STD testing and treatment and birth control.

During the evening, friends could be seen getting henna tattoos and massages, or having their tarot cards read, in the "Pampering" area. Others were simply enjoying conversations and partaking in fabulous wine and hors d'oeuvres. The silent and live auctions were a hit, with party-goers bidding on everything from



Congressman André Carson (D-IN) addresses an enthusiastic crowd.

vacations and original artwork to jewelry and wine-tastings. Later in the evening, the dance floor opened up to the sounds of Salt-N-Pepa's "Let's Talk About Sex."

Please be sure to mark your calendars for May 5, 2012 – the 9th Annual *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods!*

If you would like to make a donation to the Women's Health Fund, please go to: www.ppin.org/donate/giving.html.

Farewell to Rabbi Adland

It's with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to PPIN board member, Rabbi Jon Adland, who is moving to Ohio. Rabbi Adland has been on PPIN's Board of Directors since 2005, when he moved from Lexington, KY where he served on the PP Board. He chaired PPIN's Advocacy Committee while serving on the board and led the charge to activists across the state. From writing Letters-to-the-Editor, lobbying on Capitol Hill, and now serving on the PPFA Clergy Board, Rabbi Adland is the embodiment of a true supporter and represents us all in the fight for reproductive rights. His easy spirit and smile both inspire and ease the worries of those who admire him so much. He will be missed, but will remain in our PPIN family always.



Support, Strengthen and Stand

Indianapolis Family Makes Transformative Gift

The Reuben Family Donates \$500,000 for PPIN's Education and Outreach Efforts

These are tough times for Planned Parenthood. Our work got a little easier when the Reuben Family announced PPIN would be receiving \$500,000. This remarkable gift will make an enduring difference, allowing us to expand our presence in the state and ensuring we are sustainable for years to come.



Photo courtesy WFYI

Reuben Grant recipients gather with Larry Reuben (center).

With this new grant, we will launch the Sara and Albert Reuben Partners in Health Education program. The goal of this new initiative is to increase our capacity to educate women, men, families and young people across the state. We will increase our partnerships, provide more training to our staff and increase awareness to ensure that

all Hoosiers are equipped to make well-informed decisions about relationships and their sexual health and happiness.

When Larry Reuben made the extraordinary gifts to PPIN and 12 other charitable organizations, he spoke on behalf of his late mother, saying, "I'm just the guy writing the check—the generosity is my parents'."

About Planned Parenthood, he has said "These are the people in the trenches helping low-income women and men with their health care. They do important work. With all of the recent attacks on Planned Parenthood, we wanted to be there to support them, help them expand education and outreach. This gift is very much in keeping with the values of my parents. They would be honored to know their name is attached to such important work."

Larry described his parents as "bootstraps kind of people." According to him, his parents barely had two dimes to rub together when they started out. Their charity and compassion for the less-fortunate stemmed from their own experiences. They left a lasting legacy to the community. We are

thankful for that.

The Reubens donated a total of \$8 million to the Indianapolis community, supporting 13 non-profit organizations: Goodwill Industries, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP), Humane Society of Indianapolis, American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, The Immigrant Welcome Center, Albert G. and Sara I. Reuben ElderSource Program at the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, The Julian Center, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, CICF for Grameen Bank of Indiana, The Bureau of Jewish Education, United Way of Central Indiana, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University and WFYI.

The organizations will partner together to ensure the funds build and strengthen the respective organizations for the greater benefit of all served.

If you have an interest in supporting the Sara and Albert Reuben Partners in Health Education program, please contact PPIN's development office at 317-637-4151.

Huge Outpouring of Support Leads to Gary Health Center Staying Within City Limits

The Gary health center is a great example of why our affordable, preventive services are so important to the well-being of a community. With 98 percent of the center's patients living at or below 150-percent of poverty, PPIN is the only place some Gary residents will ever visit for health care.

Keeping this in mind, PPIN recently found itself in need of a new location for the Gary health center. Options outside the city

limits were considered. Then we received a huge outpouring of support from the community. Gary's own wanted us to stay in the heart of the city, and they expressed to us how strongly they felt about our impact on the area.

We're proud to say that with the community's support, and an ideal new spot at 1124 Broadway, today we're still able to call the city of Gary "home."



Center Assistant Makiya Norris preps the new Gary location on moving day.



Faces and Places



Around 40 PPIN supporters gathered on a snowy day in February outside of Congressman Mike Pence's Muncie office to protest his efforts to defund Planned Parenthood at the federal level.

Muncie Activists

Muncie activists were a real powerhouse during the 2011 legislative session, garnering local and national media attention by working with PPIN to organize multiple rallies outside of Congressman Mike Pence's office. Their rallies consisted of folks from all walks of life. Ball State students, long-time activists, and people new to the reproductive justice movement showed up to make their voices heard. Muncie supporters were so successful at speaking out against attacks on Planned Parenthood that PPFA took notice and brought the "Truth Tour" to Muncie - a bright pink bus covered in facts about the preventive care Planned Parenthood provides. The "Truth Tour" event was very successful, with nearly 100 people in attendance. Muncie activists were key in our national victory to preserve Planned Parenthood's federal funding.

Fort Wayne Reproductive Justice Symposium

The Fort Wayne Community Action Board, and other partner organizations, hosted the "Voices for Reproductive Justice" symposium with almost 100 people from around the state in attendance. They had a tremendous line-up of workshop presenters and panelists educating participants on a variety of topics relating to reproductive choice, sexuality education and LGBT issues. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Carlton Veazey, president and CEO of the national Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Thanks to the hard work of our Fort Wayne Community Action Board and our staff, the event was a tremendous success!

Events Calendar

June 11	June 29	July 7-17	September 17
Indianapolis Pride Festival	PPYL Summer Soiree (Indianapolis)	Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration (Indianapolis)	Fiesta (Indianapolis)

HAPA Reception

On March 24, PPIN joined fellow members of the Health Access and Privacy Alliance (HAPA) to host the Reality, Rights, and Reason spring reception. Nearly 50 people attended the event intended to educate new and existing members on the current state of reproductive rights. PPIN President and CEO Betty Cockrum joined Dawn Johnsen, IU School of Law Professor and former Legal Director of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), and former NARAL President Kate Michelman to discuss the latest assaults on reproductive choice. Other organizations in attendance included Indiana NOW, League of Women Voters, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

New PPIN Website Now Live

Fresh new look? Check. Easier-to-find information for our patients? Check. Navigation improvements? Check. Our revamped website has it all, and then some!



If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please be sure to browse over to the updated www.ppin.org. We're excited to provide our patients, staff and supporters with this greatly improved online resource. We're particularly happy that the information visitors want most – where each of our centers is located – is now right there on the homepage.

Thanks to all of you for your suggestions for the website. And please keep 'em coming!



Pay it Forward

Volunteer Spotlight: Family Volunteerism

For the Benders, Volunteering is a Family Affair

The core of our work focuses on families. You see it every day at our health centers and through our volunteer program with the Bender family – Charles and Sheri, their daughter Caron and son-in-law Chris.

For decades, the Bender family has volunteered and supported a variety of causes. When they moved to Indiana nearly three years ago, they learned about PPIN's mission to provide affordable reproductive health services. PPIN's great work spoke to their values and motivated them to get involved.

After attending the *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods* last year, Charles led the PPIN charge for the family by signing up to serve on the 2011 host committee. Soon after, Sheri, Caron and Chris also started volunteering for the event. Caron got involved with data entry and auction follow-up calls, Sheri with donations and outreach among friends and Chris and Charles with event planning and technology support. "The administrative staff is made up of hardworking, dedicated people who still manage to have fun even during long days and nights to make the *Gathering of Goddesses and Gods* so successful," says Charles. "Their progressive and can-do attitude is just plain enjoyable to be around."

Looking ahead, Charles and Sheri want to make sure the newest family members - Caron and Chris's children - understand the importance of adequate health care and reproductive choice, and that they see the importance of groups like Planned Parenthood and volunteerism for such causes. "We want to work harder to overcome or neutralize the awful changes being enacted in the Indiana legislature and forced upon young women and men," says Charles. "We also want to help increase recognition and support of the real heroes in this cause: the health center staff across the state of Indiana."

Supporter Story: Dr. Sue Ellen Braunlin, M.D.

I came out publicly for the first time with my support for reproductive justice in this year's legislative session. I wrote two Letters-to-the-Editor and testified in four committee hearings. It took some serious soul-searching and courage to testify. It took some serious soul-soothing and support from friends to recover. How demeaning it felt to have my reasonable and evidence-based testimony ignored while witnessing those with religiously sectarian viewpoints and hyper-emotional anecdotes be validated with success. Whether my testimony mattered to others is hard to know. But this I do know: as I grieve the collapse of reproductive equality and dignity in Indiana, I feel satisfied that I did my best to defend it.



Sheri Bender, Caron Blair and Charles Bender take a break from the Rally to Protect Our Patients on March 8, 2011.

JAG Partnership

PPIN has continued its partnership with Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana's Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program. JAG is a school-to-career program that has a mission to keep young people in school through graduation. Through JAG, PPIN was able to host a Peer Education Program at Arlington High School. Twelve JAG students completed 25 hours of comprehensive sexuality education and training that enabled them to provide accurate sexuality information to their peers and families. Students also participated in a parent night where they were encouraged to invite a parent or guardian to class to discuss the importance of parent/child communication around issues of sex and sexuality. PPIN looks forward to continuing this mutually beneficial partnership.

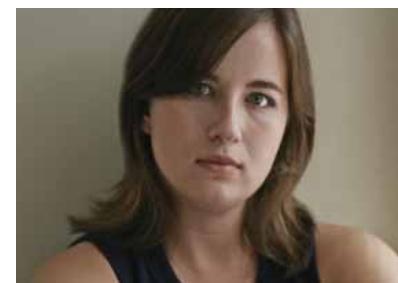
Free Pap Days

Nineteen PPIN health centers around the state offered free Pap testing during the 2011 Women's Health Week, which took place between May 8 and May 14. Free Pap Days provide opportunities for women to access potentially lifesaving screenings for cervical abnormalities that can lead to cervical cancer and other complications. Formerly the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States, the incidence of cervical cancer has decreased dramatically due to widespread Pap testing – the most successful cancer screening tool ever. A total of 250 women received free Pap testing through PPIN this year.

Connected By 25

PPIN and United Way of Central Indiana signed an agreement to partner in 2011 to work with Connected by 25. This is a comprehensive program that is designed to serve the needs of youth who are or have been involved with the foster care system and are most vulnerable to early pregnancy, school dropout and substance use. Young people age 14 and over will benefit from education and services on a variety of issues including financial literacy, job readiness, life skills and more. PPIN is excited for the opportunity to provide a peer education program to the young people who are residents in the housing units as a part of the program.

In the News



PPIN Rallies at the Statehouse



State community organizer Katie Blair (right) leads PPIN supporters in chants during the March 8 Rally to Protect Our Patients.

Waking up on March 8, you wouldn't know that the day was going to be perfect for the outdoor "Rally to Protect Our Patients" at the Indiana Statehouse.

It started out dreary, but almost as if on cue, the sun came out and warmed the hundreds of Planned Parenthood backers who had gathered to voice their support for high-quality, affordable reproductive health care.

PPIN Board Chair Deborah Simon was among the speakers at the rally. She shared this message with legislators: "Rather than cutting health care and telling us what to do with our bodies, maybe lawmakers can focus on things that will make Indiana better."

Patient Ashley Holmes talked about her experiences with PPIN, explaining to rally-goers that the health care provided by our

statewide organization helped her to become the first woman in her family to complete her college degree.

Additional rally speakers included State Sen. Vi Simpson (D - Bloomington), State Sen. Karen Tallian (D-Portage), PPIN board member Wayne Zink, lifelong activist Cordelia Lewis Burks, Rabbi Jon Adland, Indiana State AFL-CIO President Nancy Guyott, Indianapolis attorney Karen Celestino-Horseman, Reverend Richard Clough of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and Jason Tomcsi, who gave a statement of support on behalf of Congressman André Carson.

Following the event, PPIN supporters from across the state made their way into the Statehouse to speak directly with their local legislators about the importance of reproductive health care.

Lobbying in Washington, D.C.

Recently, some members of Congress used the debate over our nation's deficit to pursue an extreme agenda to ban Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid and federal family planning grants. These funds cover the cost of birth control, cancer screenings, and testing and treatment for STDs, all of which are fundamental public health policy and favorable for the federal budget.

Congress soundly rejected this zealotry due to the tremendous reaction from supporters of affordable birth control. We did our part in 2011: 13,456 Hoosiers signed our petition, 1,827 made calls to Congress, and 765 attended rallies throughout Indiana. We met with Senator Lugar's office five times, attended town hall meetings, submitted Letters-to-the-Editor, and lobbied our members of Congress on Capitol Hill on three separate occasions.

We applaud Indiana Congressional leaders who defended Hoosiers' health and defeated this regressive proposal. Our thanks to Congressmen André Carson (IN - 7) and Pete Visclosky (IN - 1) who stood up for access to health care. Congressman Carson even submitted a statement of support for Planned Parenthood!

Pence Makes Defunding Top Priority

Congressman Mike Pence, who represents Indiana's 6th District, isn't focused on growing jobs. He isn't working on improving education. In fact, even when there was talk of shutting down the federal government, he only had one thing on his mind: defunding Planned Parenthood.

Despite all of the other pressing issues facing Indiana and the United States, Pence has his sights on preventing PP from receiving federal funding, including from Medicaid and through the Title X program, which offers family planning and related preventive health services.

He was certainly not alone, but when it came down to it – when the battle over our funding made its way to Congress – he was easily outnumbered. Planned Parenthood advocates from across the country spoke out against the "Pence Provision" and it was not included in the continuing resolution. When it was voted on separately later, the Senate defeated it again. However, defunding assaults continue at the state level all over the country, led by anti-choice politicians in Indiana.

As of this printing, Congressman Pence has announced his intention to seek the GOP nomination for Governor of Indiana, specifically stating that he intends to continue focusing on social issues. Your voice will remain important as we fight to protect access to affordable reproductive health care in Indiana.

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