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The New Health Care Agenda and What It Means for Family Planning

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The image features a close-up, low-angle shot of the Statue of Liberty's head and crown. The statue is rendered in a monochromatic green color. The background is a dramatic sky with a gradient from orange and yellow at the top to dark blue and purple at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

115th Congress
&
the Trump
Administration

Title X and the CRA

- Congressional Review Act (CRA): allows Congress to vote to rescind regulations under certain conditions
- December 2016: Title X nondiscrimination regulation, “Compliance with Title X Requirements by Project Recipients in Selecting Subrecipients,” finalized
- January 18: Title X nondiscrimination rule goes in effect
- February 16: House approves H.J. Res 43, a resolution to overturn the Title X regulation by a vote of 230–188.
- March 30: Senate votes 51–50 (VP tiebreaker) to overturn regulation

A photograph of a boxing ring, viewed from a low angle looking into the center. The ring has a light-colored mat and is surrounded by black ropes. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source from above creating a strong glow on the mat and casting shadows on the ropes and the surrounding area.

FY17 Budget Reconciliation:

American Health
Care Act

Quick Refresher: Appropriations v. the Budget

Appropriations:

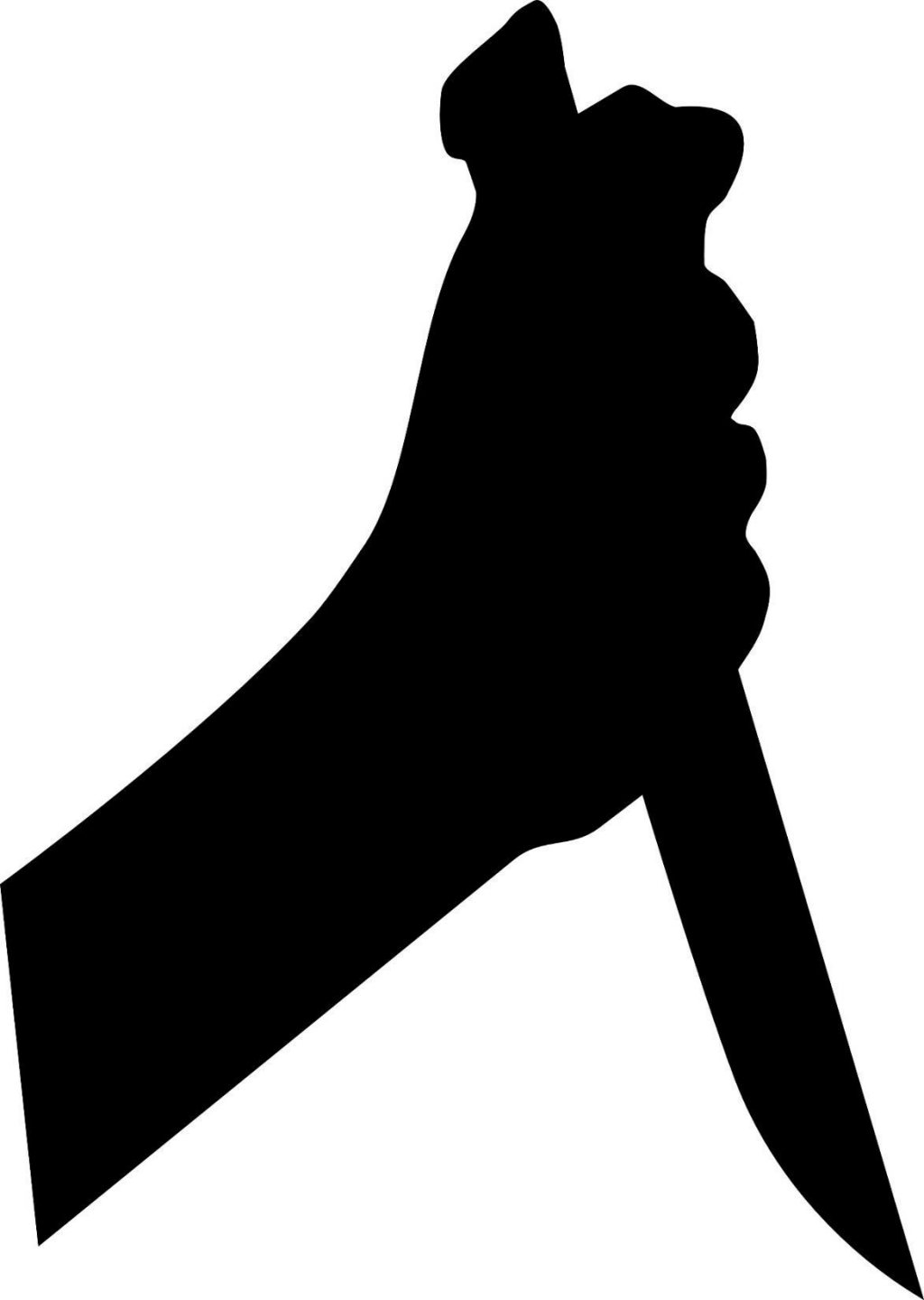
- Annual process by which Congress determines funding levels for each federally funded program.
- Impacts only discretionary programs – programs that do not have a guaranteed pot of money. Title X is a discretionary program, but Medicaid is not.
- Requires 60 votes to pass in the Senate, as the bills are subject to filibuster.
- Requires the President's signature.

Budget:

- Annual process by which Congress sets a cap on spending for the year.
- Requires a simple majority to pass in the House and the Senate.
- The budget resolution is what contains instructions for reconciliation.
- Does not require the President's signature.

FY 2017 Recap

- FY 2017 : October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017
- Remaining FY 17 CR deal:
 - \$286.5 million for Title X (level funding)
 - No new restrictions on family planning or abortion providers
 - Small funding reductions in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS and CDC's STD programs
 - Small increase for Title V MCH block grant



President's FY18 Budget: Sexual Health under Siege

- Reduces non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending by \$54B
- Cuts > \$627B from Medicaid, \$27M from CDC's STD prevention programs, \$149M from CDC's HIV prevention program
- Eliminates evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention, SSBG, Ryan White AETC & SPNS
- Seeks to bar Planned Parenthood from receiving *any* Labor-HHS funds
- Level funds Title X at \$286.5M

FY 2018 Appropriations

Chance

**ONE FREE
LATE PASS??**



The Road Ahead for FY 2018: Showdown? Shutdown?...Likely CR

CHALLENGES:

- Controversial stumbling blocks kicked to FY 2018
- Sequestration
- Republicans need Democrats to pass appropriations

Administration Efforts on the Horizon

Exercising perceived administrative authority:

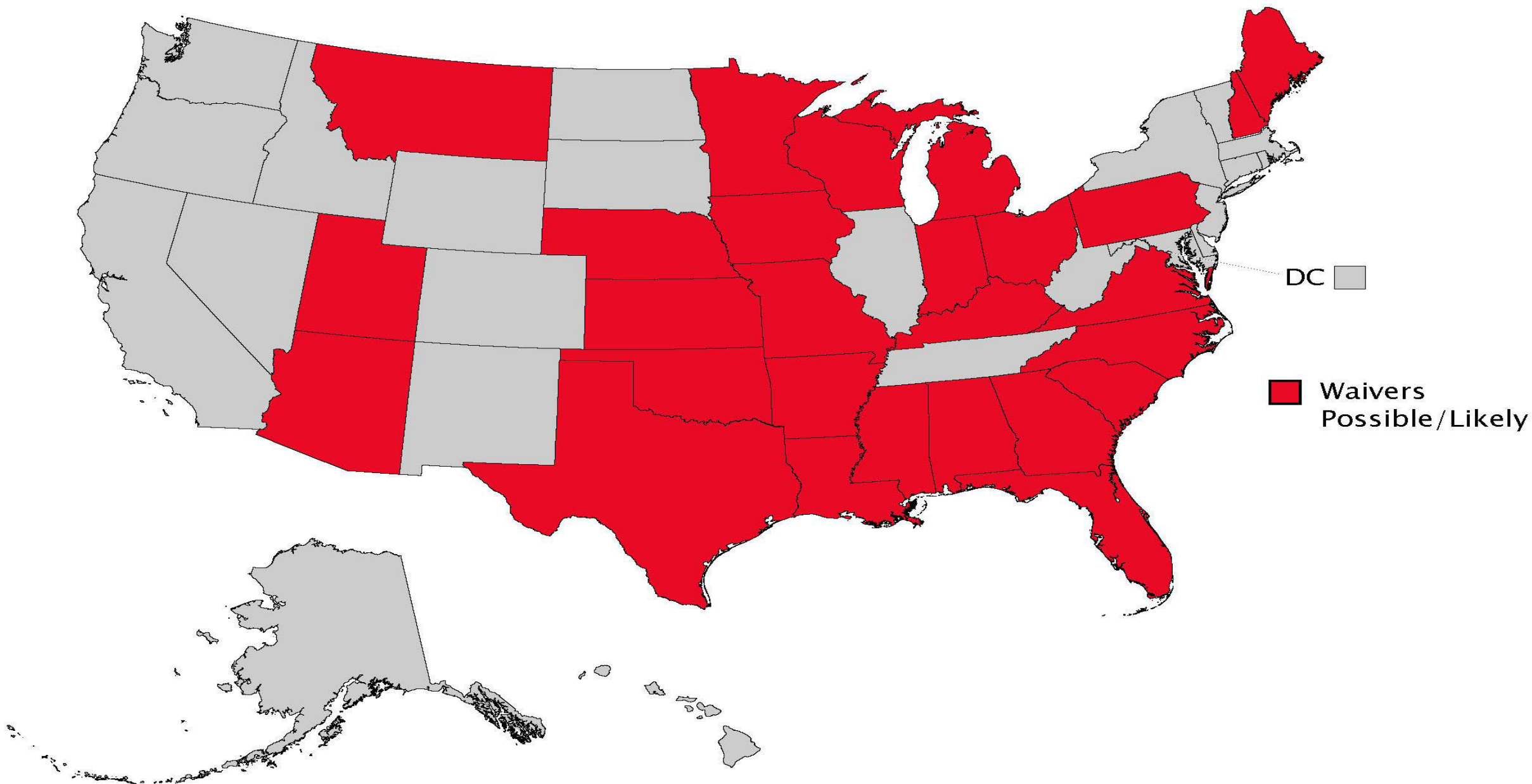
- Limit access to information
- Dismantle provider networks
- Gut protections in the name of religious freedom

Medicaid “Flexibility” and Other Changes

- CMS: strong interest in state flexibility
- Full-benefit program changes (i.e. state-by-state entitlement reform) –Maine, Wisconsin, Kentucky
- Family planning waivers: Test case –– Texas

Possible Freedom of Choice Waiver States

as of May 2017



What Should We Be Doing

National Partner Organizations

- Reinforce what is good policy for policy & opinion elites.
- Continually assess ongoing policy threats & potential impact

Individuals

- Continue your good work
- Engage in the political process at every opportunity

Remember there will be a reversal of fortune!
Stay strong.

QUESTIONS

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