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Oregon FP Program News

NFPRHA files lawsuit against last minute Bush rule that limits women's access to reproductive services

The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA), represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the Bush administration's Health Care Denial Rule.

The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and asserts that "the rule significantly undermines the ability of millions of women and men in the United States to access essential family planning, reproductive and other health care services and information. It expressly permits a broad range of health care workers and facilities to refuse to provide services, information, and counseling, potentially even in emergency situations. At the same time, it fails to require refusing providers to either notify their employers or their patients of their objections to providing care."

In addition to this legal challenge brought by NFPRHA, represented by the ACLU, the Connecticut Attorney General's Office and Planned Parenthood Federation of America with Planned Parenthood of Connecticut have filed separate legal challenges to the Bush rule.

To view the actual complaint filed by the ACLU, please visit:

<http://www.aclu.org/reproductiverights/gen/38321gl20090115.html>.

To learn more about NFPRHA's involvement, please visit: <http://www.nfprha.org>.

SAVE THE DATE!

Reproductive Health Conference (RH 2009)

The Reproductive Health Conference (RH 2009) will be held on March 25th-27th in downtown Portland. As in past years, the Office of Family Health will provide one registration scholarship for each Title X delegate agency. For more information about the conference visit www.centerforhealthtraining.org/RH2009.

FPEP

Price Increase in Mirena IUS

The public health price of the Mirena IUS has increased again and is now \$373.71 for the current quarter. FPEP will continue to reimburse your acquisition cost, even at this higher rate, as it is still below the maximum reimbursement rate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karol Almroth at karol.l.almroth@state.or.us.

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Training and Education

SAVE THESE DATES!

CPT and ICD-9 Coding in Reproductive Health Environment Webinar

Center for Health Training is pleased to announce the following webinar series lead by Bonnie Lewis.

Please adjust your clinic schedule to allow for participation in all four sessions.

**February 19th & 26th AND
March 5th & 19th
9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

This 4-part workshop is designed to provide clinicians, who work in reproductive health settings, an opportunity to further explore CPT / ICD-9 coding and understand the connection between accurate and complete coding and documentation to enhance potential revenue. Clinic visit “coding” scenarios will be presented for discussion. Visit, diagnosis, treatment, and E/M codes will be the focus. Teams from clinics are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$120 for the 4 workshop series per phone line/computer.

For more information, contact the Center for Health Training at 206-447-9538 or email Elizabeth Patrick at elizp@jba-cht.com.

Registration begins February 2nd at <http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org>.