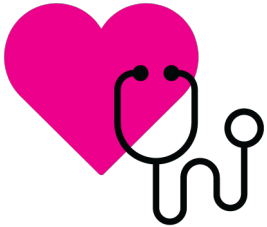


# CHOICE Remarks

## Planned Parenthood 2017: What You Need to Know

In this hostile climate, there are many uncertainties about our future. We do however, know the following:



- 1 in 5 women has relied on Planned Parenthood in her lifetime.
- 50% of our patients do not receive healthcare from any other provider throughout the year.
- In our worst case scenarios, UHPP stands to lose 1/3 of our budget.
- Our commitment to serve our patients, no matter what, is steadfast.

**For 100 years, we've helped keep millions healthy, informed, and safe. Our efforts have transformed the way people, especially young people, live, love, work and learn.**

## Your Support is Inspiring!



**Events to support Planned Parenthood have included:** Resist! For Reproductive Justice Rally, The Hollow: Celebration of Women's Day, Savoy Taproom, Rivertown Lodge and many more!

## What Can You Do?

Your support, helps us stay strong for the fight ahead. Make a donation today to ensure Planned Parenthood is available to all who need our services for generations to come.

Learn more at  
[www.uhpp.org](http://www.uhpp.org)

# Hudson Health Center Snapshot

Since 1984, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood has delivered high quality health care in Columbia County and serves over 500 people in our Hudson Health Center each year. Many patients report that UHPP is their sole source of healthcare. Recent efforts to defund Planned Parenthood by taking away Medicaid reimbursement for preventive services such as pap smears and cancer screenings put our local community at risk. As the only provider of abortion services in Columbia and Greene Counties and into the Berkshires, UHPP plays a vital role in the community. The stakes are greater than ever before, and the need is ever-present.

Despite the hostile political climate, we have big goals for our Hudson Health Center and our community. We aim to double our patient visits in 2017 and expand our education programs to 5 additional schools in Columbia and Greene Counties. Since January, we have expanded our service hours and have launched Trans Health Services to better serve our community.

## Advocate for Choice: Assemblymember Didi Barrett

On February 17th, we gathered with 150 supporters to celebrate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and honor Assemblymember Didi Barrett with the Advocate for Choice Award! We also honored several local community partners: Citizen Action, the Pride Center of the Capital Region, the Boys and Girls Club of Albany, and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany. The leadership from our newly formed Planned Parenthood Generation group exceeded the evening, sharing their enthusiasm and passion for reproductive justice.



## Defunding. What does it mean?

In late March, the bill that would have repealed key provisions of the Affordable Care Act also proposed to block people with Medicaid from accessing care at Planned Parenthood health centers. While the vote ultimately did not take place, we know stripping federal funding from Planned Parenthood is an ongoing priority.

If enacted, prohibiting patients from accessing preventive care at Planned Parenthood health centers would have a devastating impact on people and communities across the country. It is important to note that federal funding does not pay for abortion; based the Hyde Amendment, a law that Planned Parenthood opposes but follows.

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54% of Planned Parenthood health centers are in rural or medically underserved areas. Planned Parenthood health centers provide preventive health care to many who otherwise would have nowhere to turn for care.

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Although Planned Parenthood health centers comprised 10% of the country's safety-net centers that offered family planning care in 2010, they served 36% of patients served by such centers.



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