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INTEREST OF AMICI CURIAE¹

Amici public health organizations include the American Public Health Association, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Network for Public Health Law, Council of Chairs of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health, and American Medical Women’s Association, the oldest multispecialty organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women’s health. Collectively, these organizations’ members include tens of thousands of public health professionals. The organizational *Amici* collectively advocate for the power of public health law and policy to make communities safer and are committed to improving health equity in the United States.

The individual *Amici* are a group of 490 distinguished deans and professors of various health disciplines, law, and policy with extensive expertise in the issues presented in this brief—specifically in policies promoting population health and the alleviation of barriers to healthcare. Individual *Amici* are identified in Appendix 1.² With decades of experience among them, *Amici* are well positioned to opine on and place in proper context the consequences of the action at issue in this case.

Amici collectively file this brief to assist the Court in its consideration of the consequences of undermining Medicaid’s free choice of provider

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² All individual *Amici* write in their individual capacities and not as representatives of their institutions.

provision by allowing South Carolina to exclude Planned Parenthood South Atlantic as a Medicaid family planning service provider for reasons unrelated to provider competency.

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

For reasons unrelated to provider competency or program fraud or abuse, South Carolina has excluded Planned Parenthood South Atlantic as a Medicaid family planning service provider, thereby depriving women of the ability to receive care from trusted healthcare professionals, with serious implications for their own health and the health of their children. The text of the Medicaid statute, as further evidenced by its history, clearly confers a privately enforceable right to receive services from a beneficiary's qualified family planning provider of choice. The existence of this right is essential in the context of family planning services, where patients require personal and intimate healthcare, and where the ability to select a trusted provider carries profound importance for maternal and child health.

For more than a half century, family planning has been a mandatory Medicaid benefit. Congress has been unwavering in protecting the right of women to freely choose their family planning providers. For example, nearly 40 years ago, even as lawmakers expanded states' authority to require Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services from designated managed care provider networks, Congress amended the free choice of provider statute, 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(23) (the "Free Choice of Provider Provision"), to specifically exempt family planning from these otherwise lawful access restrictions and

explicitly preserve beneficiaries' right to obtain family planning services from their provider of choice.

In adding this explicit protection, Congress understood the importance of family planning in promoting the overall health of women and their children. Family planning facilitates the detection and treatment of serious and life-threatening health conditions, such as cancer and sexually transmitted infections, and enables women to plan a safe and healthy pregnancy. The ability to plan a pregnancy reduces infant and maternal mortality by promoting early entry into prenatal care and facilitating comprehensive healthcare throughout pregnancy and childbirth. Women who depend on Medicaid lack financial resources and often live in areas with limited healthcare providers, and the importance of a planned pregnancy only grows as a result.

Failure to preserve Medicaid beneficiaries' free choice of provider protection as a privately enforceable right would allow states, acting for ideological reasons, to strip women of access to qualified and trusted providers for reasons wholly unrelated to the provider's ability to offer high-quality covered services. In states such as South Carolina, which experience high poverty and healthcare provider shortages, allowing officials to pursue such a course of action unchecked would also widen "contraceptive deserts," thereby further threatening beneficiaries' access to family planning services. Over half of South Carolina's counties are medically underserved, and nearly two in five counties are classified as contraceptive deserts. Further, even in regions where there are other qualified providers, there is no evidence that they are in a position to accept a mass

influx of patients who find themselves suddenly without access to the doctors and nurses they know and rely on. For these reasons, South Carolina's exclusion of a qualified provider from its Medicaid program will likely result in severe health consequences for the women who rely on Medicaid for affordable care, as well as their families. Ultimately, undermining the Free Choice of Provider Provision by allowing states to exclude providers for reasons unrelated to their service quality would not only contravene explicit statutory protections that create the Medicaid beneficiaries' right to free choice of family planning providers, but would also have considerable impact on maternal and child health.

ARGUMENT

I. CONGRESS PROMOTED ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING BY REPEATEDLY INCLUDING EXPLICIT FREE CHOICE OF FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDER PROTECTIONS IN THE MEDICAID ACT.

A. Medicaid's Free Choice of Provider Provision protects patient autonomy.

Congress has repeatedly and explicitly reinforced Medicaid beneficiaries' right to receive family planning services from their qualified provider of choice. In the early years of the Medicaid program, "Congress grew concerned that states might deny recipients the opportunity to choose the provider of their choice . . .". *Planned Parenthood S. Atl. v. Kerr*,

27 F. 4th 945, 949 (4th Cir. 2022) (citing *President's Proposals for Revision in the Social Security System: Hearing on H.R. 5710 before the H. Comm. on Ways & Means*, Part 4, 90th Cong. 2273 (1967)).

To address this problem, in 1967, Congress added the Medicaid Free Choice of Provider Provision, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23), drafted as an individually conferred right, to (1) protect against a situation in which the government could unilaterally select a healthcare provider for a patient, and (2) protect the ability of qualified providers to participate in Medicaid, while at the same time affirming patient autonomy. Pub. L. 90-248, § 227, 81 Stat. 821, 903-04 (1968). *See President's Proposals for Revision in the Social Security System: Hearing on H.R. 5710 before the H. Comm. on Ways and Means*, 90th Cong. 2273, 2301 (1967) (House Hearings). The Free Choice of Provider Provision dictates that “any individual eligible for medical assistance . . . may obtain such assistance from any institution, agency, community pharmacy, or person, qualified to perform the service or services required . . . who undertakes to provide him such services.” 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23)(A). This statutory language ensures that Medicaid beneficiaries have the autonomy to independently choose a trusted provider for their family planning needs and cannot be forced into receiving services from a provider selected by the government.

B. Coverage of comprehensive family planning services is a central feature of Medicaid.

In 1972, seven years after the creation of the Medicaid program, Congress adopted three

significant amendments that cemented the importance of family planning services as a central feature of Medicaid. Social Security Act Amendments, Pub. L. 92-603, § 299E, 86 Stat. 1329 (1972). First, Congress designated family planning services as a mandatory benefit that all state Medicaid programs must offer. *See id.* at 1462; *see also* 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a)(4)(C) (listing “family planning services and supplies furnished [] to individuals of child-bearing age [] who are eligible under the State plan and who desire such services and supplies” as a Medicaid benefit); *see also* § 1396a(a)(10)(A) (listing medical assistance described in § 1396d(a)(4)(C) as a mandatory benefit). Furthermore, as part of its 1972 amendments, Congress took the additional step of setting an enhanced federal funding level for family planning services and supplies. Pub. L. 92-603, § 299E, 86 Stat. 1329, 1462 (1972). While the federal government generally pays between 50 and 83 percent of the amount state Medicaid programs expend for most covered services, Congress elected to pay for 90 percent of covered family planning services, highlighting the importance of such coverage. 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(a)(5); *see also* 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(b)(1) (stating that the federal medical assistance percentage shall in no case be less than 50 per centum or more than 83 per centum). No other optional or mandatory service category qualifies for this preference, and states’ minimal 10% funding obligation for family planning services helps to alleviate the financial burden of covering such services. *See id.* Seeking to improve access to family planning services, Congress acknowledged that “[l]ack of knowledge of and access to family planning services has been a major factor contributing to

unwanted pregnancies” and that “[t]he evidence is clear that these services are desired by recipients and that the information and medical assistance which is made available is utilized.” H.R. REP. NO. 92-231, at 143 (1971). *See also* S. REP. NO. 92-1230, at 297 (1972) (stating that by increasing the federal funding percentage, “the committee bill will remove any existing financial barrier to the availability of family planning counseling and services to those desiring those services.”).

Congress’s intent to promote unrestricted access to family planning is also demonstrated by the 1972 amendment that exempted family planning services from cost-sharing. *See* Pub. L. 92-603, § 208, 86 Stat. 1329, 1381 (1972) (“[N]o enrollment fee, premium, or similar charge, and no deduction, cost sharing, or similar charge with respect to [family planning services] will be imposed under the plan”). Cost sharing indeed serves as a barrier to obtaining necessary health services. *See* Samantha Artiga et al., *The Effects of Premiums and Cost Sharing on Low-Income Populations: Updated Rev. of Rsch. Findings*, KAISER FAM. FOUND. (June 2017);³ *see also* *40 Years of the RAND Health Ins. Experiment*, RAND HEALTH.⁴ Congress continued to prevent states from requiring enrollees to pay cost-sharing for family planning services when it subsequently amended the Medicaid cost-sharing provisions. *See* Pub. L. 97-248, § 131, 96 Stat. 324, 367-68 (1982); 42 U.S.C. §

³ Available at: <https://files.kff.org/attachment/Issue-Brief-The-Effects-of-Premiums-and-Cost-Sharing-on-Low-Income-Populations>.

⁴ Available at: <https://www.rand.org/health-care/projects/HIE-40.html>.

1396o(a)(2)(D); *see also* Pub. L. 109-171, § 6401, 120 Stat. 4, 83 (2006); 42 U.S.C. § 1396o-1 (b)(3)(B)(vii).

These amendments collectively evidence the high importance that Congress placed on access to family planning services.

C. Congress further strengthened Medicaid family planning by expressly specifying beneficiaries' free choice of family planning provider as a right in 1985 and expanding that right in 1987.

Further underscoring Medicaid's guarantee of beneficiaries' full access to family planning services are the protections—specific to family planning and to no other forms of nonemergency healthcare—that Congress explicitly added to Medicaid in 1985 and further strengthened in 1987. Congress has continued to specifically protect beneficiaries' free choice of family planning provider, even as it has otherwise amended federal law to allow states to impose restrictions on beneficiaries' choice of qualified providers by requiring beneficiaries to enroll in managed care plans with limited provider networks. *See Lara Cartwright-Smith & Sara Rosenbaum, Medicaid's Free-Choice-of-Provider Protections in a Fam. Plan. Context: Planned Parenthood Federation of Indiana v. Commissioner of the Indiana State Dept. of Health*, 127 PUB. HEALTH REP. 119, 120 (2012).

As part of the 1985 managed care amendments, Congress considered women's ability to access family planning services from their provider of choice to be of such heightened importance that it created a specific

statutory protection that preserves Medicaid beneficiaries' free choice of family planning provider as an exception to states' new waiver authority to require beneficiaries to enroll in managed care plans with limited provider networks. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1396n(b); *see also* Pub. L. No. 99-272 § 9508(a)(2), 100 Stat. 82, 211 (1986).

Continued expansion of states' ability to require beneficiaries to enroll in managed care plans with limited provider networks to provide Medicaid-covered benefits prompted Congress to again amend the Free Choice of Provider Provision to protect beneficiaries' unfettered access to family planning services. In 1987, Congress carved out a protection for beneficiaries' free choice of provider for covered family planning services, regardless of whether the beneficiary's chosen provider was in or out of the managed care plan network. Congress amended the statute to state: "[A]n enrollment of an individual eligible for medical assistance in a primary care case-management system [], a Medicaid managed care organization, or a similar entity shall not restrict the choice of the qualified person from whom the individual may receive services [for family planning] . . ." 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(23)(B). *See* Pub. L. 100-203 § 4113(c)(1)(B), 101 Stat. 1330, 1330-152 (1987). *see also* H.R. REP. NO. 100-495, 758-59 (1987) ("COBRA provided that, when enrollment [in a Medicaid MCO] occurred under a waiver program, enrollment could not entail any restriction of the freedom to choose a provider of family planning services . . . [the bill] extends to non-waivered enrollment programs the prohibition on any restriction of freedom of choice among family planning providers."). *See also* H.R. REP. NO. 105-149, 19 (1997) ("[t]he restrictions do not

apply to providers of family planning services . . .”). Congress always intended, therefore, that “access to family planning providers could not be restricted” by states, even if states otherwise require beneficiaries to enroll in managed care plans with limited provider networks to obtain other covered services. *Id.* at 589. These special protections in the managed care amendments offer overwhelming evidence of Congress’s focus on Medicaid beneficiaries’ right to access family planning services from their qualified provider of choice.

D. Amendments contained in the Affordable Care Act further underscore that Medicaid beneficiaries have a right to healthcare itself, not merely payment, thereby further elevating the importance of the family planning free choice of provider protections.

Congress’s commitment to enshrining healthcare access as a right, including Medicaid beneficiaries’ free choice of providers in securing that access, continued. As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, lawmakers further clarified that the right to medical assistance under the Medicaid program is the right to the services themselves, and not merely the right to payment. 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a) (“The term ‘medical assistance’ means payment of part or all of the cost of the following care and services or the care and services themselves, or both . . .”). The right to receive covered services necessarily requires access to providers who offer those services. Congress has repeatedly and

explicitly protected beneficiaries' unrestricted access to family planning services. Allowing states to exclude providers for reasons unrelated to their service quality restricts access to covered family planning services.

II. HIGH-QUALITY FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND FOUNDATIONAL TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

A. Family planning services significantly improve maternal and child health outcomes by reducing unintended pregnancy.

That Congress would have prioritized beneficiaries' unfettered access to family planning services, including access to all qualified providers that elect to participate in Medicaid, is a reflection of the vast body of research that demonstrates the overriding importance of family planning to the health of women, children, and families. Effective family planning services enable women to properly time and space pregnancy, which is critical to promoting women's health and reducing the risk of poor maternal and child health outcomes. *See e.g.*, Laurel W. Rice et al., *Universal Access to Contraception: Women, Fams., and Cmtys. Benefit*, 222 AM. J. OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY 150, 150-52 (Feb. 2020); Agustin Conde-Agudelo et al., *Birth Spacing and Risk of Adverse Perinatal Outcomes: A Meta-Analysis*, 295 JAMA 1803-23 (Apr. 19, 2006); *Reduce the Proportion of Pregnancies Conceived Within 18 Months of a Previous Birth — FP-02*, U.S.

DEP'T. HEALTH & HUM. SERVS., OFFICE DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION.⁵ Despite these advances, continued efforts to facilitate women's access to family planning services is critical, as approximately 42% of pregnancies in the United States today are unintended. *Unintended Pregnancy*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (May 15, 2024).⁶

Unintended and too-closely-spaced pregnancies significantly increase health risks for mothers and infants, including an elevated risk of infant mortality. A meta-analysis of nearly 70 studies found pregnancies that occur sooner than expected or had birth intervals of less than 18 months increase the risk of low birthweight and preterm births; even if infants survive, they face increased risk of long-term health conditions such as developmental disabilities. Agustin Conde-Agudelo et al., *Birth Spacing and Risk of Adverse Perinatal Outcomes*, at 1809; *see also Long-Term Health Effects of Preterm Birth*, MARCH OF DIMES (Feb. 2024);⁷ *Preterm Birth*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (Nov. 8, 2024);⁸ *Low*

⁵ Available at:

<https://odphp.health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/family-planning/reduce-proportion-pregnancies-conceived-within-18-months-previous-birth-fp-02>.

⁶ Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/reproductive-health/hcp/unintended-pregnancy/index.html>.

⁷ Available at: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/find-support/topics/birth/long-term-health-effects-preterm-birth#:~:text=Preterm%20birth%20can%20lead%20to,Physical%20development>.

⁸ Available at: [https://www.cdc.gov/maternal-infant-health/preterm-birth/index.html#:~:text=Preterm%20birth%20rates,or%20Hispanic%20women%20\(10.1%25\)](https://www.cdc.gov/maternal-infant-health/preterm-birth/index.html#:~:text=Preterm%20birth%20rates,or%20Hispanic%20women%20(10.1%25)).

Birthweight, MARCH OF DIMES (June 2021).⁹ And birth intervals shorter than six months increase the risk of spontaneous preterm birth by 400%. Laurel W. Rice et al., *Universal Access to Contraception*, at 151. Short interval births also increase the risk of fetal and early neonatal death. Agustin Conde-Agudelo et al., *Birth Spacing and Risk of Adverse Perinatal Outcomes*, at 1809.

Unintended pregnancies are associated with delayed entry into prenatal care and interfere with the timely assessment of pregnancy-related health risks. See Kai Guterman, *Unintended Pregnancy as a Predictor of Child Maltreatment*, 48 CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT 160, 161 (2015). Women with unintended pregnancies are less likely to recognize their pregnancies within the first six weeks and schedule a prenatal care visit in the first eight weeks of pregnancy. See Kathryn Kost et al., *The Effects of Pregnancy Plan. Status on Birth Outcomes and Infant Care*, 30 FAM. PLAN. PERSP. 223, 223 (1998).¹⁰ Absent or inadequate prenatal care has a statistically significant association with neonatal death, and prenatal care is associated with fewer neonatal deaths in both the presence and absence of antenatal high-risk conditions. Ocilia Maria Costa Carvalho et al., *Delays in Obstetric Care Increase the Risk of Neonatal Near-Miss Morbidity Events and Death: A Case-Control Study*, BMC PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH 1, 5 (2020); Anthony M. Vintzileos et al., *The Impact of*

⁹ Available at: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/find-support/topics/birth/low-birthweight>.

¹⁰ Available at: https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/article_files/3022398.pdf.

Prenatal Care on Neonatal Deaths in the Presence and Absence of Antenatal High-Risk Conditions, 186 AM. J. OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY 1011, 1016 (2002). Optimizing women's access to prenatal care as early as possible in pregnancy is critical to reducing morbidity and mortality and supporting both maternal and fetal health. Rebecca A. Krukowski et al., *Correlates of Early Prenatal Care Access Among U.S. Women: Data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Sys. (PRAMS)*, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH J. 328, 337 (2022).

Medical and public health experts have concluded that access to high quality, effective contraception is the single most important strategy for reducing the rate of unintended pregnancy and ensuring properly spaced births. A wealth of research supports this finding. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, *Committee Opinion No. 642: Increasing Access to Contraceptive Implants and Intrauterine Devices to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy*, OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY (Oct. 2015). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Office of Population Affairs, and HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion have all identified the provision of quality family planning services, including comprehensive contraceptive access, as a primary means to address unintended pregnancy. Loretta Gavin et al., *Update: Providing Quality Fam. Plan. Servs. — Recommendations from CDC and the U.S. Office of Population Affairs, 2017*, 66 Ctrs. for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly

Report 1383, 1383-84 (Dec. 22, 2017).¹¹ For these reasons, ensuring consistent and reliable access to healthcare services offered by family planning providers is critically important to maternal and infant health.

B. Family planning services reduce the risk of adverse health outcomes and infant mortality that result from untreated sexually transmitted infections.

The benefits of family planning services go beyond ensuring a well-timed pregnancy; they also enable women to identify and address medical risks that can affect their health and the health of their child. Effective family planning includes screening for sexually transmitted infections (“STIs”), such as chlamydia, syphilis, and human papillomavirus (“HPV”), all of which can permanently compromise reproductive and overall health and ultimately cause death. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, NAT’L INST. ALLERGY INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Apr. 12, 2024);¹² Jennifer J. Frost et al., *Pub. Supported Fam. Plan. Serv. in the U.S.: Likely Need, Availability and Impact, 2016*, GUTTMACHER INST. (Oct. 2019);¹³ *The Dangers of Undiagnosed Sexually Transmitted Infections*, AM. SOC’Y OF MICROBIOLOGY (Dec. 8,

¹¹ Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6650a4.htm#print>.

¹² Available at: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/sexually-transmitted-infections>.

¹³ Available at: https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/publicly-supported-fp-services-us-2016.pdf.

2022);¹⁴ *Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)*, WORLD HEALTH ORG. (May 21, 2024).¹⁵

The CDC has attributed a spike in infant mortality to the current STI epidemic in the United States. *Nat'l Overview of STIs in 2023*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (Nov. 12, 2024);¹⁶ *Selected Nat'ly Notifiable Disease Rates and Number of New Cases: U.S., Selected Years 1950–2018*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION;¹⁷ *2023 CDC Data Suggest the STI Epidemic May Be Slowing*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (Nov. 12, 2024);¹⁸ *Table 1. Sexually Transmitted Infections — Reported Cases and Rates of Reported Cases*, U.S.*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (Nov. 12, 2024).¹⁹ In 2023, over 2.4 million cases of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia were diagnosed, and congenital syphilis alone led to the deaths or still births of 279 infants. *Nat'l Overview of STIs in 2023*. Furthermore, a 235% increase in congenital syphilis

¹⁴ Available at: <https://asm.org/articles/2022/december/the-dangers-of-undiagnosed-sexually-transmitted-in#:~:text=Effects%20on%20Fertility,people%20assigned%20female%20at%20birth.>

¹⁵ Available at: [https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/sexually-transmitted-infections-\(stis\).](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/sexually-transmitted-infections-(stis))

¹⁶ Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/sti-statistics/annual/summary.html#:~:text=In%202023%2C%20over%202.4%20million,1.6%20million%20cases%20of%20chlamydia.>

¹⁷ Available at: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/2019/010-508.pdf.](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/2019/010-508.pdf)

¹⁸ Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/p1112-sti-slowng.html#:~:text=However%2C%20the%20latest%20data%20from,years%20of%20double%2Ddigit%20increases.>

¹⁹ Available at: [https://www.cdc.gov/sti-statistics/data-vis/table-sticasesrates.html.](https://www.cdc.gov/sti-statistics/data-vis/table-sticasesrates.html)

cases has contributed to at least 149 still births and infant deaths in 2020 and 166 infant deaths in 2021. *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2020*, CTRS. FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION;²⁰ Anna Maria Barry-Jester, *Babies Die as Congenital Syphilis Continues a Decade-Long Surge Across the U.S.*, KAISER FAM. FOUND.(Apr. 12, 2022).²¹

Family planning services play a critical role in addressing health needs that can adversely impact women’s maternal and reproductive health. If left untreated, these infections can lead to long term adverse health outcomes, including pelvic inflammatory disease (“PID”), infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and chronic pelvic pain in women. Jennifer J. Frost et al., *Pub. Supported Fam. Plan. Serv. in the U.S.*, at 18.²² Early treatment of patients who tested positive for chlamydia or gonorrhea helped to prevent more than 12,000 cases of PID, which would have likely resulted in more than 1,000 ectopic pregnancies and 2,000 women becoming infertile. *Id.* at 19. Identifying and treating these conditions also prevents future infections among patients’ partners. *See id.* Among women receiving a publicly funded family planning visit, most (72%, or approximately 6.7 million women) otherwise would have forgone STI screenings if they did not have access to publicly funded family planning services, which would have

²⁰ Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/sti-statistics/media/pdfs/2024/07/2020-SR-4-10-2023.pdf>.

²¹ Available at: <https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/babies-die-as-congenital-syphilis-continues-a-decade-long-surge-across-the-us/>.

²² Available at: https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/publicly-supported-fp-services-us-2016.pdf.

resulted in tens of thousands of undetected and untreated STIs. *Id.*

C. Family planning services help detect and prevent reproductive health conditions that cause infertility or cancer.

Access to family planning services is also critical because contraceptives play a role in preventing several reproductive health conditions that can result in infertility and pain, including endometriosis, PID, cystic disease, and uterine disorders and tumor growth. Adolf Schindler, *Non-Contraceptive Benefits of Oral Hormonal Contraceptives*, INT'L J. OF ENDOCRINOLOGY & METABOLISM 41, 43-46 (Dec. 21, 2012). Specifically, oral contraceptives decrease the risk of PID by 50-60% while also reducing the risk of ectopic pregnancy, length of hospitalizations, amount of medication, and number of operative procedures necessary to treat PID. *Id.* at 44. Similarly, the use of combined estrogen/progestogen oral contraceptives significantly reduces the risk of developing myoma (non-cancerous tumors). *Id.* Oral contraceptives taken long term may protect against the formation of painful ovarian cysts and offer relief from endometriosis and menstrual related symptoms. *Id.* at 42-45.

Research has found that women receiving publicly funded family planning services also receive critical services from their providers in the form of lifesaving detection or prevention of cervical cancer. Jennifer J. Frost et al., *Pub. Supported Fam. Plan.*

Serv. in the U.S., at 9-10.²³ An estimated 1.8 million women were tested for cervical cancer during a publicly funded family planning visit in 2016. *Id.* at 19. Without this care, the vast majority—an estimated 1.3 million women—would have forgone or postponed testing that year. *Id.* Additionally, approximately 39,000 adolescent and young adult women received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine during a publicly supported family planning visit in 2016. *Id.* These vaccinations helped eliminate 4,590 diagnoses of abnormal cervical cells, 920 diagnoses of precancerous lesions, 50 cases of cervical cancer, and 40 cases of other HPV-associated cancers, such as anal or vulvar cancer. *Id.* In total, an estimated 20 cervical cancer deaths were prevented. *Id.* Maintaining access to contraceptive methods, cancer screenings, and other essential reproductive health services is critical to ensuring lifesaving medical care for already marginalized communities. *See id.*

D. Family planning services result in considerable health savings.

The value of family planning services is measurable not only in the immediate and long-term health benefits to women and families, but also in the cost savings associated with preventive services. Research demonstrates that publicly financed family planning services yield billions of dollars in public sector savings. *See e.g.*, Jennifer J. Frost, *Return on Inv.: A Fuller Assessment of the Benefits and Cost Sav. of the U.S. Publy. Funded Fam. Plan. Program*, 92

²³ Available at:

https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/publicly-supported-fp-services-us-2016.pdf.

MILBANK Q. 667, 668 (Oct. 15, 2014);²⁴ Adam Thomas and Emily Monea, *The High Cost of Unintended Pregnancy*, CTR. ON CHILD. AND FAMS. BROOKINGS INST. 1,4 (July 2011). The estimated gross public savings attributable to the provision of contraceptives, HIV testing, STI testing, HPV testing, Pap testing, and HPV vaccinations in publicly supported family planning settings in 2010 totaled \$15.8 billion and \$13.6 billion in net public-sector savings after accounting for program costs. *Id.*

III. FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES ARE MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN THEY COME FROM A TRUSTED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

A trusting relationship between a patient and their family planning provider is one of the most important factors influencing effective communication, treatment adherence, and health promoting behaviors, especially in the context of sexual wellness and reproductive healthcare. Walid Gellad et al., *A Rev. of Barriers to Medication Adherence: A Framework for Driving Pol'y Options*, RAND HEALTH 1, 6-19 (2009); Kem Krueger et al., *Medication Adherence and Persistence: A Comprehensive Rev.*, 22 ADVANCES THERAPY 313, 331 (2005).²⁵ It is particularly important for Medicaid beneficiaries to have the ability to choose a family planning service provider they trust. Patients with

²⁴ Available at:

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4266172/pdf/milq0092-0667.pdf>.

²⁵ Available at:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/7354561_Medication_Adherence_and_Persistence_A_Comprehensive_Review.

limited economic resources, with fair or poor health, or who are racial or ethnic minorities, on average, report having lower trust in healthcare providers compared to the population as a whole. Lea Bart and Sharon K. Long, *QuickTake: Trust in Providers Is Lowest Among Vulnerable Populations*, URB. INST. (Sept. 15, 2017).²⁶ Medicaid beneficiaries are likely to fall into these categories. *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Medicaid: An Annotated Bibliography*, MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS COMMISSION 1, 1-4 (Apr. 2021). Low-income women of color in particular express distrust of healthcare providers due to a history of reproductive health mistreatment, including forced sterilizations. *See e.g.*, Alexandra Minna Stern, *Sterilized in the Name of Pub. Health: Race, Immigr., and Reprod. Control in Mod. Cal.*, 95 AM. J. PUB. HEALTH 1128, 1133 (July 2005); Sally J. Torpy, *Native Am. Women and Coerced Sterilization: On the Trail of Tears in the 1970s*, 24 AM. INDIAN CULTURE AND RSCH. J. 1, 2 (2000). Specifically, Black women describe a heightened awareness of reproductive health inequities, including high rates of Black maternal mortality and considerable experience with substandard and harmful healthcare. Kelly Treder et al., *Racism and the Reprod. Health Experiences of U.S.-Born Black Women*, OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY (Mar. 1, 2022).

A trusting relationship between Medicaid beneficiaries and the family planning provider of their choice plays an essential role in ensuring the medical needs of the most vulnerable populations are

²⁶ Available at: <https://apps.urban.org/features/hrms/quicktakes/trust-providers-lowest-vulnerable-populations.html>.

addressed. Compared to other family planning service providers, Planned Parenthood provider staff are more likely to be trained to address the specific needs of the most vulnerable populations, including patients who are adolescents, those who speak a primary language other than English, and those who have experienced intimate partner violence; such training helps to establish trust. See Jennifer J. Frost et al., *Variation in Serv. Delivery Pracs. Among Clinics Providing Pub. Funded Fam. Plan. Serv. in 2010*, GUTTMACHER INST. 1, 22 (May 2012).²⁷

Trust in the doctor-patient relationship is also associated with increased contraception use and greater adolescent pregnancy prevention. Ariella Tabaac et al., *The Interaction of Sexual Orientation and Provider-Patient Commc'n on Sexual and Reprod. Health in a Sample of U.S. Women of Diverse Sexual Orientations*, 105 PATIENT EDUC. AND COUNS. 1, 3 (Feb. 2022). Trust is essential to ensuring family planning providers avoid intimidating or pressuring women to choose certain contraception options. See e.g., Anu Manchikanti Gomez and Mikaela Wapman, *Under (Implicit) Pressure: Young Black and Latina Women's Perceptions of Contraceptive Care*, 96 CONTRACEPTION 221, 224-25 (Oct. 2017); Kelly Treder et al., *Racism and the Reprod. Health Experiences of U.S.-Born Black Women*. One study found that Black and Latina women discontinued use of contraceptives when they interacted with a family planning provider they did not trust or by whom they felt pressured. Anu Manchikanti Gomez and Mikaela Wapman, *Under*

²⁷ Available at:

https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/clinic-survey-2010.pdf.

(Implicit) Pressure, at 223-24. Notably, such implicit pressure was longitudinally harmful, impacting their future interactions with healthcare providers and leading to reluctance around subsequent contraceptive use. *Id.* at 224. The implications can be pronounced as these experiences can directly contribute to racial and ethnic minority patients avoiding care, disengaging from healthcare interactions, and exercising vigilance in anticipation of mistreatment. *Id.* Ultimately, distrust of providers among vulnerable populations interferes with patient-provider communications and could exacerbate healthcare disparities. See Lea Bart and Sharon K. Long, *QuickTake: Trust in Providers*.

IV. EXCLUDING A FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDER FROM MEDICAID FOR REASONS WHOLLY UNRELATED TO THE QUALITY OF CARE WILL WORSEN HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND HARM BENEFICIARIES.

A. Contraceptive and maternity care deserts already exist and are likely to worsen with fewer family planning providers offering services.

When qualified family planning providers are excluded from Medicaid, contraceptive and maternity care deserts are likely to spread. Approximately 19 million women in the U.S. who need publicly funded contraception already live in a “contraceptive desert”

as of 2022. *Contraceptive Deserts*, POWER TO DECIDE.²⁸ This designation refers to counties in which the number of healthcare providers offering the full range of contraception methods listed in the FDA’s Birth Control Guide is insufficient to meet the needs of women who depend on publicly funded contraceptive care. *See id.*; *see also Birth Control Guide (Chart)*, FDA (listing, *inter alia*, IUDs, injectables, vaginal rings, and oral contraceptives as options).²⁹ In any given state, between 17 percent and 53 percent of the population resides in a contraceptive desert. Rebecca J. Kreitzer et al., *Affordable but Inaccessible? Contraception Deserts in the U.S.*, 46 J. HEALTH POLIT. POL’Y L. 277, 297 (2021); Rebecca J. Kreitzer et al., *Contraceptive Deserts: The Effects of Title X Rule Changes on Access to Reprod. Health Care Res.*, 18 POL. & GENDER 672, 699-704 (2022).

This problem is particularly acute in South Carolina, where most low-income women of reproductive age live in a county that cannot meet the population’s demand for the full range of contraceptive methods. To provide context, an estimated 310,100 South Carolina women live in contraceptive deserts. *Contraceptive Access in S.C. (2022)*, POWER TO DECIDE.³⁰

Furthermore, Medicaid beneficiaries in South Carolina have less access to contraception providers

²⁸ Available at: <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/contraceptive-deserts>.

²⁹ Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/media/150299/download>.

³⁰ Available at: https://powertodecide.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/State%20Factsheet_South%20Carolina.pdf.

compared to most other states. *U.S. Medicaid Contraception Workforce Tracker*, FITZHUGH MULLAN INST. FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE EQUITY (2024).³¹ South Carolina falls in the fourth tier (out of five tiers among states with reliable data) for Medicaid beneficiaries' access to all the major contraceptive methods (pill, patch, and/or ring; IUD; and implant). *Id.*

Moreover, the problem of contraceptive deserts in South Carolina is compounded by the prevalence of “maternity care deserts,” counties with insufficient access to maternal healthcare, thereby worsening the health risks facing women who experience unintended pregnancies. *Where You Live Matters: Maternity Care in S.C.*, MARCH OF DIMES, 1-3 (2023).³² Nearly 40% of South Carolina’s counties have low or no maternity care access. *Id.* Additionally, over half of South Carolina’s counties are medically underserved, see S. Gareau et al., *How Data Drives Action: S.C. Maternal Health Data Snapshot*, INST. FAMS. SOC’Y, UNIV. S.C., COLUMBIA, S.C. (2024) (PDF),³³ and South Carolina ranks 37th in the U.S. for the number of primary care physicians per capita, placing it in the bottom 25% of all states. See *Primary Care Providers in S.C.*, AM. HEALTH RANKINGS (2024).³⁴ South Carolina also has

³¹ Available at: <https://www.gwhwi.org/medicaid-tracker-contraception-workforce.html>.

³² Available at: <https://www.marchofdimes.org/peristats/assets/s3/reports/mcd/Maternity-Care-Report-SouthCarolina.pdf>.

³³ Available at: <https://img1.scdhhs.gov/presentations/SC%20Maternal%20Health%20Health%20Data%20Snapshot%20%20SCBO.pdf>.

³⁴ Available at: https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/PCP_NPPES/SC.

one of the top five highest “maternal vulnerability” rates in the U.S., informed by six themes: (1) reproductive healthcare; (2) physical health; (3) mental health; (4) general healthcare; (5) socioeconomic determinants; and (6) physical environment. *See Maternal Vulnerability in the U.S. – A Shameful Prob. for One of the World’s Wealthiest Cntys.*, SURGO VENTURES.³⁵

Maternity care and contraceptive deserts require people to seek care outside their communities, thereby imposing significant burdens and potentially deterring them from seeking services altogether. Transportation to medical care is already a significant barrier for low-income Medicaid beneficiaries. *See* S.T. Syed et al., *Traveling Towards Disease: Transp. Barriers to Health Care Access*, 38 J. COMM’Y HEALTH 976, 976-93 (2013). Increased distances to clinics correlate with decreased utilization of preventive care. *See* Yao Lu & David J.G. Slusky, *The Impact of Women’s Health Clinic Closures on Preventive Care*, 8 AM. ECON. J. APP. ECON. 100, 120 (July 2016). All these problems are likely to worsen if states are permitted to exclude providers from their Medicaid programs for reasons wholly unrelated to the quality of their covered family planning services.

B. Planned Parenthood is crucial to increasing access to family planning services.

Planned Parenthood, the healthcare provider singled out for exclusion from South Carolina’s Medicaid program in this case, plays an essential role

³⁵ Available at: <https://mvi.surgoventures.org/>.

in increasing access to family planning services. In addition to family planning services, Planned Parenthood provides a full range of preventive services, including cancer screenings, anemia testing, cholesterol and diabetes screening, high blood pressure screening, menopause treatment, smoking cessation, testicular and prostate cancer screening, thyroid screening, and vaccines.³⁶ *See Our Services*, PLANNED PARENTHOOD.³⁷ To the extent Petitioner is concerned with the cost of Medicaid, Opening Brief for Petitioner at 53, *Medina v. Planned Parenthood* (2025) (No. 23-1275), it fails to recognize healthcare costs only increase without preventive care to protect against avoidable maternal health conditions. *See* Norman J. Waitzman, *Preterm Birth Lifetime Costs in the U.S. in 2016: An Update*, 45 SEMIN. PERINATOLOGY 1, 4 (2021) (unpublished manuscript) (stating that preterm births cost billions of U.S. dollars).

Planned Parenthood clinics also provide extended hours and shorter wait times compared to other family planning clinics, which are necessary to facilitate medical visits for Medicaid beneficiaries working low-wage hourly jobs with minimal flexibility. *See* Frost., *Variation in Serv. Delivery Pracs.*, at 19. Planned Parenthood optimizes health outcomes by offering preventive care and streamlines services by offering HIV rapid-result testing and a wider range of contraceptive options than other family planning clinics, reducing the need for follow-up visits

³⁶ The Charleston Planned Parenthood does not appear to offer testicular or prostate screening, menopause treatment, or diabetes screening.

³⁷ Available at: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/our-services>.

or referrals. *See id.* at 19, 10, 27; *see also* Kinsey Hasstedt, *Understanding Planned Parenthood’s Critical Role in the Fam. Plan. Safety Net*, 20 GUTTMACHER POL’Y REV. 12, 13 (2017). For example, Planned Parenthood clinics are significantly more likely than other clinics to provide a long-acting reversible contraceptive such as an intrauterine device, with nearly all centers offering same-day insertion. *See* Hasstedt, *Understanding Planned Parenthood’s Critical Role*, at 13. Research further demonstrates that Planned Parenthood has successfully reduced visit wait times to levels significantly below those of other clinics offering family planning services to Medicaid beneficiaries. *See* Frost, *Variation in Serv. Delivery Pracs.*, at 19; *see also* Mia R. Zolna & Jennifer J. Frost, *Publicly Funded Fam. Plan. Clinics in 2015: Patterns and Trends in Serv. Delivery Pracs. and Protocols*, GUTTMACHER INST. 1, 9 (November 2016).³⁸

South Carolina’s incorrect assertion that disqualifying Planned Parenthood would ensure that state Medicaid funding would go toward “improving access to necessary medical care,” Opening Brief for Petitioner at 11, *Medina v. Planned Parenthood* (2025) (No. 23-1275), is plainly illogical. Research has shown that excluding Planned Parenthood as a family planning provider dramatically reduces women’s access to services. For example, the exclusion of Planned Parenthood clinics from the Title X program, due to a 2019 regulatory change, had a disproportionate effect on contraceptive access among

³⁸ Available at: https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/publicly-funded-family-planning-clinic-survey-2015_1.pdf.

low-income, uninsured, and women of color accessing Title X services. See Candis Watts Smith et al., *Contraception Deserts: The Effects of Title X Rule Changes on Access to Reprod. Health Care Res.*, 18 POL. & GENDER, 672, 696–704 (2022). Specifically, following the implementation of the 2019 rule, 573,650 fewer patients under 100 percent of the federal poverty level received Title X services, along with 324,776 fewer uninsured patients, 128,882 fewer Black or African Americans, 269,569 fewer Hispanics/Latinos, and 151,375 fewer adolescent patients. 86 Fed. Reg. 56146-47 (Oct. 7, 2021).

Another example comes from Texas, which excluded Planned Parenthood from its state-funded family planning program in 2012, leading to a marked decline in access to the most effective contraception and a concomitant increase in births covered by Medicaid. A.J. Stevenson et al., *Effect of Removal of Planned Parenthood from the Texas Women’s Health Program*, 374 NEW ENG. J. MED. 853, 858 (2016) (stating that the exclusion of Planned Parenthood reduced claims for long-acting reversible contraception methods by over 35%).

C. South Carolina’s arguments that adequate alternate family planning providers exist are unavailing.

South Carolina’s claim that the state’s Medicaid beneficiaries have access to “dozens of medical clinics that accept Medicaid and offer a broad panoply of health services” is highly misleading. Opening Brief for Petitioner at 9, *Medina v. Planned Parenthood* (2025) (No. 23-1275). Its infographic includes “pregnancy centers,” described as “. . .

privately funded and focused on supporting pregnant women facing difficult circumstances with medical care and referrals, education, mentoring, and material support.” *Women Have Real Choices*, CHARLOTTE LOZIER INST.³⁹ Crisis pregnancy centers, however, are not equipped to offer the full range of family planning methods. See Andrea Swartzendruber et al., *Sexual and Reprod. Health Servs. and Related Health Info. on Pregnancy Res. Ctr. Websites: A Statewide Content Analysis*, 28 WOMEN’S HEALTH ISSUES 14, 16-17 (2018). Moreover, the need for increased access to family planning services in South Carolina is substantial: compared to other states, South Carolina ranks 45th for low birth weight. See *Low Birth Weight in S.C.*, AM. HEALTH RANKINGS (2024).⁴⁰ Ten percent of infants in South Carolina were born with low birthweight in 2022. *Id.*

Petitioner’s infographic also includes community health centers, which research shows have a limited ability to furnish the full range of family planning services, including long-acting reversible contraceptives, the most effective forms of contraception. See Susan Wood, et al., *Health Ctrs. and Fam. Plan.: Results of a Nationwide Study*, (March 7, 2013) (PDF);⁴¹ see also, e.g., Brooke Winner et al., *Effectiveness of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception*, 366 NEW ENG. J. MED. 1998, 2004 (2012). This is likely because community health

³⁹ Available at: <https://lozierinstitute.org/realchoices/>.

⁴⁰ Available at: <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/birthweight/SC>.

⁴¹ Available at: https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1059&context=sphhs_policy_facpubs.

centers' mission is much broader than just family planning: they are charged with providing a full range of primary care to medically underserved patients of all ages, from newborns to seniors. 42 U.S.C. § 254b(a)(1).

Community health centers are also overwhelmed with patients and may be unable to accept new patients. *See Cmty. Health Ctrs. and Fam. Plan. in an Era of Pol'y Uncertainty*, KAISER FAM. FOUND.(March 15, 2018);⁴² Letter from Rachel Benson Gold, Vice President for Pub. Pol'y, Guttmacher Inst., to Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Servs. (July 31, 2018) (stating that South Carolina community health centers would experience a 381% increase in their contraceptive caseload if required to serve all patients of federally funded family planning program clinics). Community health centers' limited ability to meet the full extent of the need for family planning services is illustrated by the fact that Planned Parenthood has provided care for at least half of the women who rely on safety net family planning providers in more than half of the counties where it operates. *See Hasstedt, Understanding Planned Parenthood's Critical Role*, at 14.

South Carolina, in fact, needs both Planned Parenthood and community health centers to ensure sufficient access to family planning services for Medicaid beneficiaries. A survey across thirteen states revealed that 60% of respondents preferred to receive contraceptive care from a specialized family

⁴² Available at: <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/report/community-health-centers-and-family-planning-in-an-era-of-policy-uncertainty/>.

planning service provider even though they had seen a different provider within the same year, and 40% considered specialized family planning clinics their sole source of healthcare during the year. *See* Jennifer J. Frost et al., *Specialized Fam. Plan. Clinics in the U.S.: Why Women Choose Them and Their Role in Meeting Women's Health Care Needs*, 22 WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES, e519, e524 (2012). Ultimately, Petitioner's arguments about adequate alternatives are inapposite and serve only to obfuscate what this case is about. The issue here is not whether there are workable alternatives to Planned Parenthood, but instead whether women have an enforceable right to protect their choices regarding healthcare access from arbitrary and harmful state action.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should recognize a Medicaid beneficiary's right to obtain family planning services from their qualified provider of choice and affirm a beneficiary's right to enforce the Free Choice of Provider Provision.

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