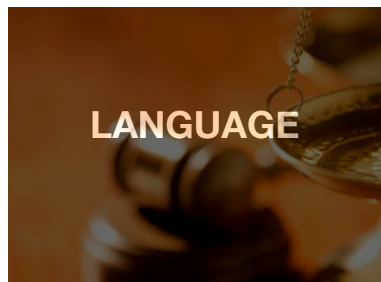
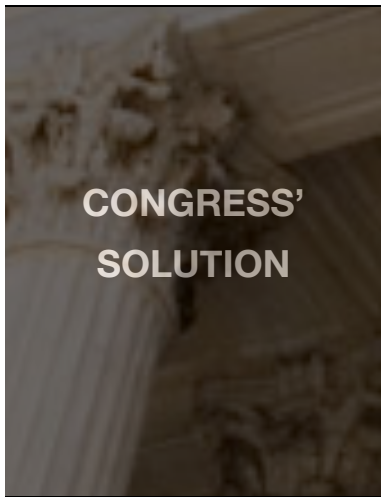
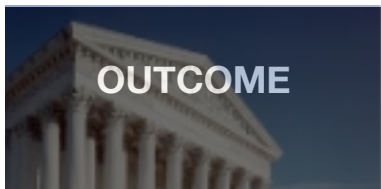
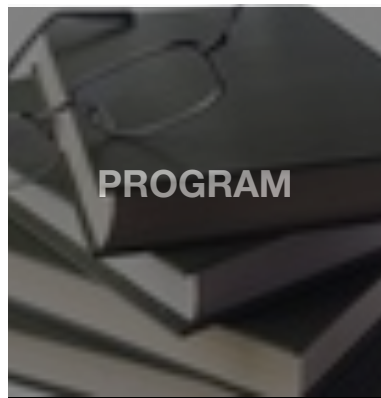


Understand the Abortion Mandate



AMERICAN TAXPAYER

Medicaid (Enacted in 1965)

Funded through HHS (formerly HEW) Appropriations

Did not expressly exclude abortion coverage.

Therefore, HEW/HHS included abortion coverage under Medicaid.

The Hyde Amendment to HEW/ HHS Appropriations (renewed annually 1976 to Present) expressly prohibiting federal abortion funding (in most circumstances) or funding of benefits packages that include abortion.

****The Hyde Amendment remains necessary to PREVENT COURTS from mandating Medicaid-covered abortion.** See *Planned Parenthood v. Engler* (6th Cir. 1996): “Abortion fits within many of the mandatory care categories. . .”

From Hyde Amendment: “None of the funds appropriated in this Act, . . . shall be expended for any abortion. . .”

Health Care Reform (In Congress now)

Funded through U.S. Treasury / Health Insurance Exchange – new bureaucracy

Does not expressly exclude abortion coverage; in fact, expressly includes it.

Abortion will be covered under current health care reform proposals.

Language similar to the Hyde Amendment must be expressly included to prevent administrative agencies or **THE COURTS** from mandating abortion funding and coverage.

****Every amendment offered to include this language was defeated in Committee.**

Needs language such as: “No provision of this Act shall impose, or shall be construed to impose, any requirement for coverage of abortion, or access to abortion . . .” **(from the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, defeated in Energy and Commerce Committee)**