

January 8, 2014

ACOG Position Re: HR 7

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists represents more than 57,000 physicians and partners dedicated to improving women's health. In order for women to receive the best health care and disease prevention, they must have access to all medically appropriate, legal medical procedures, regardless of ability to pay. The provision of all medical care must be a medical matter determined by the patient and physician, subject to the physician's clinical judgment, the patient's informed consent, and the availability of appropriate facilities.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (HR 7) however would limit women's access to medical care, jeopardizing the health and safety of our patients, and putting government between a physician and a patient. By imposing new tax penalties on millions of families and small businesses, the likely consequence would be to take away the health insurance coverage that women have today. By not allowing for a health exception, HR 7 would leave women whose health is seriously threatened by their pregnancies with limited access to the care their doctors recommend to protect their health. The legislation would also codify harmful riders that deny low-income women access to abortion care.

If you have any questions, please contact Nevena Minor, Federal Affairs Director at nminor@acog.org or 202-314-2322.