

Texas Defies Obama Admin., Bars Abortion Providers from Medicaid

Texas 2012 Politics



Medicaid

- The Obama administration's resilient plan to provide abortion through the Planned Parenthood Clinics Medicaid.
- Medicare is intended to help streamline healthcare for poor women in Texas (Pecquet, 2012).
- Medicaid is a Democratic Party agenda under the healthcare reform law; which the Texas Republican Party have to reject as a political strategy to overcome Democratic Party pushing agenda.

Introduction

- Republican are concerned that many Americans would support healthcare reform law and the democrats are likely to sue the debate to win over republicans.
- Therefore, the Republicans presented the bill “Repealing the Job Killing Health Care Law” (McGreal, 2011).
- During the January 19, 2011 U.S House of Representatives influenced by conservatives voted to the above bill winning 245 to 189 votes (McGreal, 2011).
- The struggle by the Republican across all states to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would cost many votes from the low class American citizens.
- President Obama is careful that no clause of the healthcare reform bill the ACA is changed; therefore, Texas is likely to face to receive no women healthcare funds from federal government (Alonzo, 2012)

Advantages of ACA

- Insurers ought to cover even the pre-existing health conditions;
- Beyond the March 14th deadline, the insurance providers would drop coverage for getting sick
- Deny children coverage with pre-existing conditions
- Senior Americans must cover their prescriptions
- Small providers promised tax credit would lose their funds
- Ill children would be denied healthcare from poor background
- Insurance providers discrimination against specific conditions would increase premiums.

Texas bars Planned Medicaid

- Texas has passed a law that bars the \$35 million annual Medicaid supposed to benefit abortion clinics and cancer cervix screening (Pecquet, 2012).
- Washington Critics to the Texas ban assert that the Texas ban violation of Federal law .
- On the contrary, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, Texas Health and Human service Commission signed the law legal banning the Federal Planned Parenthood clinics.
- The ban affects approximately 130,000 women who lack medical cover (Pecquet, 2012).



Disadvantages of repealing ACA

- 32 million uninsured Americans will lose healthcare cover.
- By 2019, 54 million seniors and uninsured elderly would perish (Seiu, 2012).
- Increase medical spending leading to dwindling of family finances. Inflation might set in leading to another economic crisis.
- Millions of jobs provided through the Affordable Care Act would disappear in Texas and United States (Khan, 2010).

Media campaign

- Jobs campaigns by media and organizations are the main challenge that would kill the republican move to repeal ACA.
- Fig Source: (Khan 1)



Planned Parenthood clinics

- Preventive healthcare sponsored by Federal government intend to benefit women .
- Washington asserted that Texas move is political stereotypical strategy intended to brand Texas as a republican symbol.
- Planned Parenthood experts argue that the Texas Governor and Commissioners are politicizing Medicaid for personal political reasons (Bolton, 2012).
- White house intends to use the court of law to intervene asserting that Federal government is mandated to provide Medicaid to all willing Texans regardless of the Texas State stance.

Texas Republicans

- Texas officials affiliated to the United States Department of Health and Human Services which provide 44% of State Medicaid services have condemned the legal trap (Ramshaw, 2012).
- Texas Republican lawmakers rather forgo federal fund for Planned Parenthood than register abortion clinics attached with the aid.
- Republicans argument is valid since they assert that the government is sitting on the program for strange reasons to make abortion legal.
- Texas law criminate abortion.
- Therefore, if the federal government imposes the Planned Parenthood clinic, Democratic Party is likely to lose support for interfering with State rule (Ramshaw, 2012).

2012 Elections

- Texas Republicans are ready to face the Obama administration in the 2012 election.
- Abortion is a sensitive issue; controversial from the Christian perspective.
- Therefore, Texas republicans have challenged the Democratic Party using a key sensitive issue.
- Most Texans are likely to favor Texas rule over the federal Medicaid program because of the attached beneficial and horrid parallels (Ramshaw, 2012).

Abortion Debate and elections

- The majority of Americans are conservative Christians who abhor abortion clinics sponsored by federal government.
- Consequently, since insinuations contribute to the winning candidate, conservative Americans are likely to vote away Obama singularly for his change agenda.
- Medicaid which is supposed to benefit Americans is dangled like a political tool to win the presidential campaign.
- Texas as a state subscribe to both state law and federal law by agreement for mutual consent, federal government move to attach Medicaid with cervix cancer and Planned Parenthood is disturbing.
- Therefore, the Texas Attorney General advised the Texas Governor and commissioner to go forward and draft a rule to block Planned Parenthood because of abortion clinics (Alonzo, 2012).
- The federal government should therefore split the funds into cervix cancer screening and Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood funds be diverted

- Texas authorities expect the Washington government to remove the white elephant to allow the Medicaid program benefit screening of cancer patients only.
- The Republicans are pushing for American Conservatives in Congress to stop taxpayers from funding Planned Parenthood.
- Texas want the Planned Parenthood funds diverted to cover breast and cervical cancer screenings, birth control and Sexual Transmitted Diseases preventive agenda.

Justification

- On the contrary, the President of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Cecile Richards blamed Governor Perry for banning Texas access to Medicaid come mid-March 2012 (Ramshaw, 2012).
- Richards highlighted that the fact that one quarter of Texas women remain uninsured.
- Furthermore, the Planned Parenthood president asserted that Texan women registered the highest rate of cervical cancer in America (Pecquet, 2012).
- The claim may appear quite unorthodox since it contains a pathos clause; the fact that Texas has highest rate of cervical cancer among the poor does not conclude that Texans have accepted the abortion clinics agenda tagged along with Medicaid.
- Therefore, The Texas Attorney general, Texas Governor and Commissioner are justified to ban the Medicaid through a rule that bars establishment of abortion clinics (Bolton, 2012).

Restore America

- Restore American's Voice support group is asking Americans to ask Republican Senators to repeal the entire healthcare reform law.
- Republican Senators remain split by two ideologies; one group supporting the Mitt Romney Republican candidature supports healthcare reform law under the state of Massachusetts. However, Texas is different altogether and want to shut down the Democratic Party reform in healthcare (Bolton, 2012).
- Romney group supports healthcare reform law clauses that provide;
 1. That Parent healthcare insurance covers children until age 26.
 2. That Insurance companies are prohibited from discriminating against patients with pre-existing conditions (Bolton, 2012).

On the contrary, more than half of Republican Senators want to repeal ObamaCare while another half of conservatives want to change the bill but not do away with it entirely.

Texas is one of the state that want to keep a portion of the law and do away with the Planned Parenthood clause Alonzo, .

Ironically, the Federal government feels Texas is playing a game to delay implementation of a law; thus interfering with presidential prerogative and mandate to provide healthcare.

Medicaid and Pro-abortion agenda

- If the federal Medicaid plan lapses; The following will be no more by March;
 - Access to birth control
 - Cancer Screening
 - Preventive healthcare

Governor Rick Perry insisted that the Obama federal government was “holding women’s health hostage” using a pro-abortion agenda (Bolton, 2012).

Consequently, the governor lauded the Texas administration that passed the rule to bar pro-abortion agenda that contravenes Texas law.

Links to Videos Consulted

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rFYlYdTdV8>



The Eyes of Texas are On Planned Parenthood

Texas Sonogram Bill Signing Ceremony with Gov. Perry

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui1LgNUjspY>



Fig: Video of Singing
the bill.

- Pro-life sonogram bill, HB 15, into law to force clinics and physicians to show the sonogram image of baby before abortion.

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