

# Despite Obama promise, abortion now in national health care budget

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Throughout the debate over Obamacare, almost everyone in the pro-life community told anyone who would listen – as well as those who refused to listen – that the new health care reform law would result in federal tax dollars being used to pay for abortions.

Obama self-righteously denied the notion.

In order to gain the support of a group of anti-abortion lawmakers threatening to block the legislation because it didn't specifically bar federal funding of abortion – the White House proposed an executive order proclaiming a longstanding ban on using federal dollars for abortion.

## The ploy worked

Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Michigan, leader of the anti-abortion legislators, agreed to vote for Obamacare – although a number of pro-life organizations shouted warnings that Obama would not enforce his executive order ... that it was not worth the paper it was written on.

Stupak chose to trust Obama. That's never the wise choice.

Stupak proclaimed his support for the health package, clearing the last obstacle to its passage. Anti-abortion organizations again warned that Obama's executive order would be worthless.

Now the National Right to Life organization has discovered \$160 million that Washington will give Pennsylvania to set up a new "high-risk" insurance program under Obamacare, which will cover any abortion that's legal in the state.

"This is just the first proof of the phoniness of President Obama's assurances that federal funds would not subsidize abortion," Right to Life spokesman Douglas Johnson says. "It will not be the last."

Nor was it. Days later the Internet news service CNSNews.com reported that Maryland will receive \$85 million in similar funding.

"Maryland will join Pennsylvania," reported staff writer Matt Cover, "as the second state to use federal tax dollars to pay for abortions under the new health care law signed by President Barack Obama in March, according to information released by Maryland's State Health Insurance Plan."

The high-risk pool program is one of the new programs created by the sweeping health care legislation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that Obama signed into law on March 23.

The Obama administration barely had a chance to respond to those reports before another shoe dropped – this time in New Mexico. The National Right to Life Committee uncovered another money trail under the health care law – worth \$37 million.

According to Douglas Johnson of NRLC, “The Department of Health and Human Services has been hiding most of these high-risk plans.” Administration officials denied the reports.

Conservative Congressman and House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) was furious.

What about President “no-federal-dollars-will-be-used-to-fund-abortions” Obama?

His executive order was supposed to block HHS from paying for abortion. It was meant to be, in Stupak’s words, “an agreement to respect the sanctity of life on health care reform.”

What it turned out to be, says the *Washington Times*, is a gold mine for Planned Parenthood!

In fact, Planned Parenthood chief Cecile Richards publicly thanked Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) with her group’s highest honor – the Champion for Women’s Health award.

Because of Pelosi, Planned Parenthood is about to cash in on its biggest level of government funding yet.

When the National Right to Life Committee discovered that the Obama administration was secretly forcing taxpayers to finance its abortion agenda under the health care law, officials at Health and Human Services argued that the President’s Executive Order wouldn’t allow it.

Planned Parenthood immediately fired back, proclaiming that abortion would, indeed, be funded.

“This decision has no basis in the law and flies in the face of the intent of the high-risk pools that were meant to meet the medical needs of some of the most vulnerable women in this country,” said a spokesman.

“They knew all along that there will absolutely no stopping Obama from funding abortion,” says NLP’s Johnson, “because the language banning it never made it into the final bill. At the time of the Executive Order, both Planned Parenthood and conservative opponents said it wouldn’t do a thing to stop federal abortion funding – so Richards knows there will be no repercussions for ignoring it.

## Opportunity lost

Meanwhile, an embarrassed Stupak has denied that he was duped. He knows that it could be the end of his career – if his strong pro-life district voters see that he was duped. Indeed, he could have stopped Obamacare, but was tricked into providing the last vital vote that Obama needed to pass it.

The Pennsylvania plan specifically lists abortion as a covered service on page 14. Doctors are allowed to perform any abortion they deem “necessary” without bothering to define what “necessary” means. In New Mexico, on page 2, its high risk pool plan explicitly includes coverage of elective abortions.

“Regardless of how they spin it,” says Johnson, “liberals knew that the bill funded abortion when the President signed it. At the end of the day, some pro-life Democrats voted ‘no,’ and they should be congratulated.

“But the Stupaks of the world, who continue to turn a blind eye to the truth, need to hear from their constituents. That’s the only way to hold politicians accountable. Congress needs to pass a full ban on taxpayer-funded abortion, which is soon to be introduced by Congressman Chris Smith (R-New Jersey).

Meanwhile, it turns out that Obama has provided pro-abortion forces in Obama's ancestral Kenya with funding to promote the legalization of abortion there, according to the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In February, Bishop Anthony Muheria of the Kenyan Diocese of Kitui complained that organizations were receiving U.S. funds to advocate for a constitution that includes the legalization of abortion on demand.

The OIG report confirms Bishop Muheria's suspicions. Congressman Smith had demanded an investigation into whether taxpayer dollars were, in fact, being used to sway people to vote "yes" on the referendum legalizing abortion – a policy that most Kenyans oppose.

"There is no doubt that the Obama administration is funding the 'yes' campaign in Kenya," Congressman Smith said. By funding groups that are working hard "obtaining 'yes' votes, the administration has crossed the line."

That "line" is the Siljander Amendment, which makes it illegal for the U.S. to use federal funds to lobby for abortion abroad.

As part of the talks with the USAID's Inspector General, Congressman Smith learned that seven organizations took home hundreds of thousands of dollars to lobby for "yes" votes.

The Office of the Inspector General isn't a partisan entity, so when it suggests that the Obama administration is engaging in illegal activity, there is cause for concern.

The mainstream press has ignored the report.

"This administration is so determined in pursuing its radical social agenda, that it will stop at nothing – not even the law," writes Johnson. "To be clear, there's nothing illegal with the U.S. participating in a global get-out-the-vote campaign, but this administration has gone well beyond that to using American tax dollars to support a Kenyan law that will greatly expand abortion. The President's wholesale promotion of abortion isn't just seeping into American policy; it's turning the State Department into a lawless, international ACORN.

Meanwhile, the mainstream media were also ignoring the revelations that Obamacare funding would provide federal funding for abortions in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Mexico.

## First of many

"The Obamacare law is full of faucets that can be opened to provide abortion subsidies," said Johnson. "Regrettably, this is just the first."

Apart from the actual insurance coverage, the law also includes \$12.5 billion for community "health centers" and \$6 billion for co-ops, both of which can fund abortions.

During the debate over the health-care bill, President Obama delivered a speech to a joint session of Congress, saying: "Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions."

The day the House voted to pass that bill, President Obama also signed an executive order purporting to prevent federal funding of abortions in the programs it created.

Congressman Mike Pence (R.-Indiana), the chairman of the House Republican Conference, said the revelation that at least three states will use federal dollars to fund abortions under a program mandated by the health-care law signed by President Obama represents a "broken promise.

"This is one more example of a broken promise in Obamacare," said Pence. "It is morally wrong to end an unborn human life and it is reprehensible to take taxpayer dollars from millions of pro-life Americans and use them to pay for abortions."