



## 30 Years is Enough! Join the campaign to repeal Hyde!

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- The Hyde Amendment is a provision in the federal budget restricting coverage for abortions from federal Medicaid funding. The Hyde Amendment was first passed by Congress in 1977, four years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion in *Roe v. Wade*. Congress has renewed the Hyde Amendment every year for the last three decades!
- Under the Hyde Amendment, federal funds cannot be used to pay for abortions except in the cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.
- Only 17 states provide public funding for abortion beyond the limited cases of life endangerment, incest or rape. Many women are not reimbursed even when they qualify for coverage, resulting in extreme hardship for these women and their families.
- Abortion is an important option for Latinas. Research shows that 17-20% of women having abortions are Latinas. Approximately 25% of pregnancies among Latinas end in abortion, compared to 18% of white women.
- The Hyde Amendment has directly affected low-income women's access to safe, legal abortions.
  - ❖ Rosie Jimenez, a Latina college student who was unable to pay for a legal abortion, became the first woman to die from a back alley abortion after the passage of the Hyde Amendment.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### 1. RAISE AWARENESS

- 🌟 Educate yourself about the Medicaid program and whether your state Medicaid program covers abortion.
- 🌟 Host a community forum and tell your neighbors and friends about the impact the Hyde Amendment has had on Latino and low-income communities using the talking points provided in the *Repeal Hyde Action Kit*.
- 🌟 Submit op-eds to your local media about restrictions on abortion funding and access and how it has impacted your community.

### 2. ADVOCATE FOR REPEALING HYDE

- 🌟 Using the NLIRH *Repeal Hyde Action Kit*, plan a letter writing campaign to target your Congressional Representatives. Tell your Representatives and Senators to vote no on the Hyde Amendment!
- 🌟 Participate in the Postcard Challenge and tell your Federal legislators to vote no on the Hyde Amendment!

### 3. FUND ABORTIONS FOR LOW-INCOME LATINAS

- 🌟 Join forces with a local Abortion Fund and help them fundraise by co-hosting parties, events, book readings, movie nights, etc.
- 🌟 Start an Abortion Fund in your area if there isn't one already!

### 4. COLLECT STORIES

- 🌟 Break the silence and speak out about your abortion!
- 🌟 Hyde affects real women. Collect stories about Latinas who have faced barriers because of Hyde and other restrictions on abortion access for placement on the Latina Institute website.

## RESOURCES

- 🌟 Contact NLIRH to request FREE Repeal Hyde postcards
- 🌟 NLIRH has tools for organizing house parties, community forums, a legislative advocacy day and can provide support to LANs who want to organize an event.
- 🌟 Additional resources are available from the National Network of Abortion Funds. [www.nnaf.org](http://www.nnaf.org)

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