

Lawsuit: Trump Family-Planning Rule 'Politicizes' Medicine

A new Trump administration rule for family-planning grants could trigger a national public health crisis, the American Medical Association and Planned Parenthood said in a lawsuit Tuesday challenging the rule, **reports** the Associated Press.

In addition to the AMA/Planned Parenthood lawsuit, the rule is being challenged in a lawsuit filed Monday by California officials and another filed Tuesday by officials in 20 other mostly Democratic controlled states.

The Department of Health and Human Services rule would prohibit family planning clinics funded by the federal Title X program from making abortion referrals – a provision that critics denounce as a “gag rule.”

“Pregnancies that are unintended, and thus riskier, will increase. The number of abortions will also increase. And there will be fewer tests for sexually transmitted infections and cancer screens – putting patients and their partners at great health risk,” the lawsuit said.

Read the AP article.