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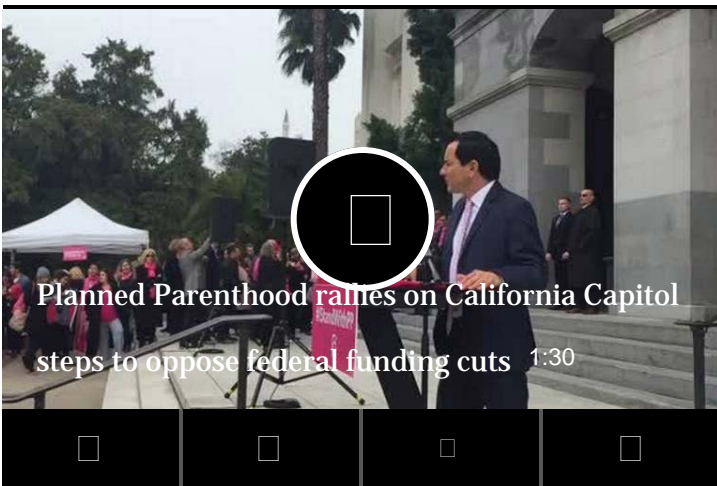
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Planned Parenthood closes three clinics in Northern California

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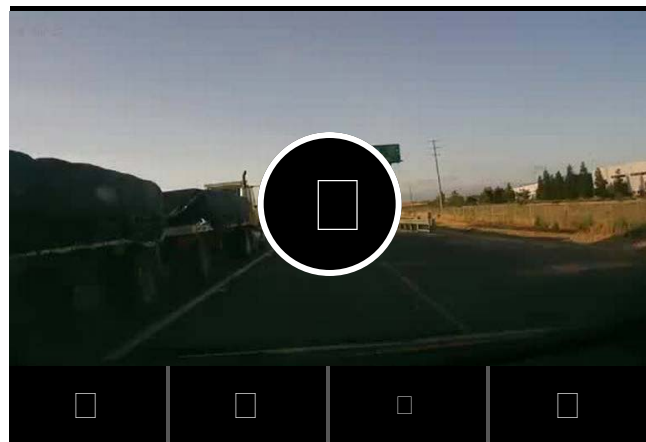
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Planned Parenthood will close three clinics in Northern California at the end of June to consolidate dwindling financial resources, the organization confirmed Tuesday.

Locations in Vacaville, Pittsburg and central Richmond will close June 30, according to Miriam Gerace, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Northern California. The affiliate organization serves 100,000 people a year at 23 health care sites across 20 counties in Northern California, from San Francisco to Del Norte County. The national organization has faced [major defunding threats](#) since President Donald Trump's election, and could lose federal funding under the proposed American Health Care Act.

In California, clinics have been struggling for years with [low reimbursement rates](#) from the state Medi-Cal program, Gerace said. Because Planned Parenthood provides [reproductive health](#) and general health care to many uninsured and publicly insured patients, the organization has found it hard to meet the need for services, she said.

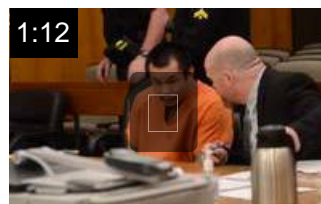
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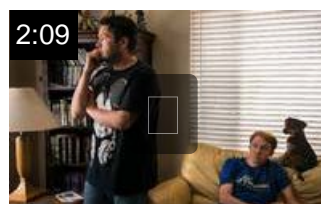
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“Our Medicaid reimbursement rates are very, very low,” she said. “For all of our centers, we really need that support on the state level. We’ve gotten great support from legislators in our service area. Every elected official in our area has voiced support, but the funding needs to be there.”

Earlier this month, the organization [rallied](#) at the Capitol against low Medi-Cal rates, which Gov. Jerry Brown has not restored since a 10 percent cut in 2011. Planned Parenthood was among several groups that supported the recent state [tobacco tax](#), which will funnel extra dollars to reimburse providers.

In 2014, California had the third-lowest Medicaid reimbursement rate in the nation, falling behind only New Jersey and Rhode Island, according to a report from Washington, D.C.-based think tank the Urban Institute. The spike in Medi-Cal enrollees under the Affordable Care Act was [so overwhelming](#) that some physicians stopped accepting Medi-Cal patients altogether.

To ensure financial sustainability going forward, Planned Parenthood Northern California is focusing on shuttering urban centers, because patients there have other clinics nearby. The organization will use the savings to expand services at rural clinics, Gerace said.

“We’ve started to look at different regions and the different needs by region,” she said. “This is something that happens all the time - you look around, you see where you can adjust. We’ve been around for 100 years and we’ll be around for 100 more.”

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Anti-abortion organization Californians for Life celebrated the closures in a press release Tuesday.

“Women are deciding to go elsewhere for their health care needs and therefore, we will likely see even more Planned Parenthood locations close in California and across the nation,” said director Wynette Sills in the statement.

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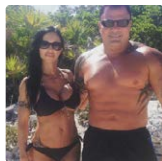
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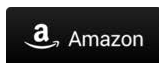
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Lynne Gamble

11 minutes ago



" The spike in Medi-Cal enrollees under the Affordable Care Act was so overwhelming that some physicians stopped accepting Medi-Cal patients altogether."

Yet, California now wants to add adult undocumented workers to Medi-Cal. Citizens will pay for this, and be denied access to doctors at the same time. Our State Senate works for Mexico, not California.

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Davi Rodrigues

1 hour ago



Looks like Obamacare is actually the villain in this event. Planned Parenthood is like any other medical facility in that they face financial restraints. The difference between them and other facilities seems to be that they use the facade of "women's health" as a shield and sword. Every provider has to suffer the prospect of financial limitation. Maybe they just outgrew their wallet. No shame in that really, unless their overhead is being weighted by bureaucratic overcompense

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Doug Regelin

5 hours ago

PP's going on a diet :-) With 600 locations performing a million plus abortions each year, now it will only be 995,000.

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John Heron

7 hours ago

I'd happily give them a sizable donation if they were to change their euphemistic

name. "Planned Parenthood" serves those with no plan whatsoever. Perfect for California.

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Norman Silver

10 hours ago

PP is NOT a women's health clinic! It sells itself as one but when the facts are revealed to house of cards falls apart. Want good quality health care for women of any age? Call your local County Dept of Health and ask for a list of providers who are really in that business.

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Jay Sherman

10 hours ago

They do some good work. Have you personally been there and used their services. I use to volunteer there as a youth downtown. Great organization

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Gretchen DeKok

48 minutes ago

Planned Parenthood IS a women's health clinic. It serves low and no-income women and children, and offers FACT-BASED medical care.

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Libi Uremovic

13 hours ago

there is nothing 'conservative' about breeding - it is the fast track to poverty

...

we desperately need a conservative political party in this country ...

and we need to charge churches property and revenue tax like every other money making industry in this country

....

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Anita Brady

14 hours ago

I checked the CA locations for PP and found that there will still be a PP in Richmond, and there are clinics nearby the Vacaville and Pittsburg locations. I am glad that I can reassure Mac McCauley that California women will still have access to PP for their reproductive needs and choices. But, thanks for being so concerned, Mac.

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Chilli Palmer

31 minutes ago

So this is another 'fake news' story designed to make it look like Preventing Parenthood was being squeezed out of these locations due to shrinking State/Federal funding, when in fact there are too many PP locations and not enough abortion seekers!

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Michael Fasula

14 hours ago

So the headline should read "Democrats in California Defund Planned Parenthood".

I guess government pensions and illegal aliens are a higher priority.

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Telecat Johnson

14 hours ago

Once again, a Nazi is the first to comment.

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Doug Regelin

5 hours ago

Tele, Speaking of NAZI's, What the difference between the holocaust and PP? Flags! All PP needs is a doctor

name Mengele :-) Performing over a million abortions each year is a little unseemly, wouldn't you agree?

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Mac McCauley

14 hours ago

Where are all of PP supporters to write checks?

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Anita Brady

14 hours ago

Did you not read the article? It is chronic condition caused by low reimbursement rate.

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Michael Fasula

14 hours ago

What does chronic condition mean in this context?

Democrats who control every aspect of this state choose to have the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rate of any state in the country, but the highest paid and benefited employees. Those decisions have consequences, namely doctors choosing not to serve poor people because it's not worth their time.

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Libi Uremovic

12 hours ago

this is a government of the people - ether stop pointing your finger in blame or stand in front of a mirror and point away because that's the person responsible ...

this is me - libionline ...

show me where you have
controlled your government and
stopped the corruption ...

more breeders = more welfare fool
...

how does a grown man get talked
in to being mindless - i'm asking ?

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Jay Sherman

10 hours ago

I still donate when I get a chance. I
also donate to ucsf. They do great
work.

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