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NYC Mayor Announces “Free” Abortion Pills at City’s Clinics

In the post-*Roe* world, the battle lines are becoming clearer every day as states move to identify themselves as either *pro-life* or *pro-abortion*. A new move by New York City shows how far the pro-abortion camp is willing to go to continue practicing pre-born carnage. New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced on Tuesday that the city will offer “free” abortion pills at four city-run clinics.

But — to borrow from the old adage — there is no such thing as a free abortion; “Free” is Left-speak for “taxpayer funded.” In his announcement of the plan as part of “New York City Women’s Health Agenda,” Adams demonstrated his Left-speak fluency. The Big Apple’s official website [states](#), “To Help Undo Decades of Systemic Inequity That Have Affected Women’s Health, Mayor Adams Outlines Plans to Create Model for Future of Women’s Health in New York City.”

Surrounded by a masked entourage, Adams began by saying he wanted to “talk about what we owe the women in our lives — the women who birthed us, who raised us, who nurtured us.” After about a minute of discussing the greatness of women and invoking “our sisters, our aunties, our grandmas” and running down a list of liberal “women who inspired us,” Adams quickly shifted gears, stating, “But we are betraying them when it comes to their health.”

He continued, “For too long health and health care has been centered around men, but that changes today.” He then continued to lay out his plan for increasing the death count of the unborn in New York City — a plan that benefits men who impregnate women and will not have to face any consequences after those women take a “free” pill to kill the unborn child. But Adams — a skillful leftist — exercised his liberal license to spin this horrific plan as if it is a beneficent gift to the women of New York City, stating:

We have been standing on the sidelines of women’s health for too long, and I have personally seen firsthand how the health system is letting our women down. It is long overdue that we break taboos and make New York City a model for the future of women’s health care. We are going to build a city that is here for all women and girls.

To put in the for-what-it’s-worth column, New York City is not exactly a place associated with people



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going out of their way to avoid taboos. This expansion of abortion under the guise of “women’s health” is little more than a naked attempt to sacrifice an increasing number of babies to the gods of convenience and political expediency.

Adams’ plan is not limited to increasing abortion; it also checks off several other liberal boxes. As the NYC website explains in the announcement, it includes:

- **Relaunching the Sexual Education Task Force:** Convened by the New York City Commission on Gender Equity, in partnership with the New York City Department of Education (DOE) and the New York City Mayor’s Office of Equity, the task force will educate the youngest New Yorkers and create a culture of sexual wellness and inclusivity. Additionally, the task force will work to update and implement 11 recommendations in its 2018 report — including ensuring school staff have basic competencies around inclusivity and respect and that they can also link students to appropriate sexual health resources outside the school setting, as well as increasing broad community support of sexual health education through public awareness campaigns and information sessions. The task force will also provide an annual report of its activities.
- **Immediately Committing to Tracking Rates of Different Diseases:** Diseases tracked would include cancer, mental health conditions, heart disease, and, possibly, additional conditions, as well as life expectancy and other key indicators differentiated by age, race, and additional key factors. The Adams administration will leverage findings to shape the work that city agencies carry out regarding women’s health. The city will also report on these indicators in an effort to ensure the tracking of progress regarding the state of women’s health in New York City. Additionally, the administration will continue to champion research in this space.
- **Convening a Variety of Thought Leaders to Create a Robust and Comprehensive Women’s Health Agenda:** Thought leaders will include experts from different subject matter areas, including research, public health, health care, business, technology, and more, and will come together for a summit during Women’s History Month in March.
- **Building on Previous Successes for the City’s Workforce:** The city will assemble a committee of experts to build on its past successes already achieved for its workforce, including increasing access to both lactation rooms and paid sick leave for cancer screenings. Work will include examining how to create more menopause-friendly workplaces and promoting access to health services by utilizing WorkWell — the workplace wellness programs specifically created for city employees — as well as other existing avenues. The committee will also look into how the city can achieve or develop accreditations around becoming more health friendly towards women. This effort will make New York City the first city in the nation to begin a framework that is focused on its employees. Recommendations made by this group of experts will additionally inform future work so New York City can become even friendlier to women’s health.
- **Expanding Access to Medication Abortion at New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Clinics:** Starting tomorrow, the Morrisania Sexual Health Clinic in the Bronx, DOHMH will begin to provide abortion pills to individuals. Several additional neighborhood DOHMH clinics in Crown Heights (Brooklyn), Central Harlem (Manhattan), and Jamaica (Queens) are scheduled to begin dispensing this medication by the end of the year. New York City Health + Hospitals’ (H+H) 11 public hospitals citywide already offer medication abortion.
- **Launching a Provider Education Campaign on Maternal Health:** The campaign will focus on



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supporting those with hypertension and diabetes and will entail direct outreach to providers in target neighborhoods in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan that experience health and other socioeconomic disparities. The 20-week campaign will launch in the summer of 2023.

- **Launching of a Family-Based Substance Use Disorder Program at H+H:** The substance use disorder program will focus on providing support to those who are pregnant and/or parenting and struggling with addiction, while additionally providing their children with mental health support and other services. The program will integrate family medicine, behavioral health, and addiction medicine across a continuum of care. Concurrently, the program will also address primary care, as well as psychosocial and mental health needs of children. In doing so, this model will support the healthy, long-term development of children affected by parental substance abuse.
- **Committing to Exploring the Expansion of and Access to Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy:** Pelvic floor dysfunction can be caused by pregnancy, a traumatic physical incident, age, menopause, or obesity and can lead to a host of problems, including pain and bowel issues. One in three women will experience a pelvic floor disorder in their lifetime.

As to the expansion of abortion, the announcement boasts that this initiative “build[s] off programs and services launched during Mayor Adams’ first year in office” and cites what it describes as a “[first-of-its-kind Abortion Access Hub that confidentially refers callers from across the country to abortion care providers in New York City.](#)”



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