



HHS Confirms Illegal Alien Children Will Have Access to Abortion

CNS News has made a startling discovery about some of the services that are available to illegal alien unaccompanied minors. Health and Human Service's Office of Refuge Resettlement (ORR) confirmed to CNS that abortion is one of the emergency medical services that are required to be made available by federally funded caregivers of Unaccompanied Children (UC) who have been sexually assaulted and become pregnant.



On December 24, HHS issued a new regulation on "sexual abuse and sexual harassment" that ultimately lays the groundwork to provide free abortions for unaccompanied minors.

The HHS regulation reads, "Care provider facilities must provide UC victims of sexual abuse timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment, crisis intervention services, emergency contraception, and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where appropriate under medical or mental health professional standards."

But what is worth noting is what is not explicitly written in the regulation. CNS reports,

Although the regulation does not specially name abortion as one of the required emergency medical services, an official from HHS' Administration for Children and Families, which operates ORR, told CNSNews.com via email that abortion is one of those services

"The 'lawful pregnancy-related medical services' includes abortion," the e-mail statement read.

Additionally, CNS News notes that the HHS regulation also specifies "emergency contraception," which includes what some consider abortion-inducing drugs such as Plan B One Step. "This IFR proposes standards and procedures to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving unaccompanied children (UCs) in ORR's care provider facilities," the <u>regulation</u> says.

The regulation even applies to organizations that have raised moral objections to the administering of abortion and abortion-inducing drugs. In response to opposition from faith based organizations, the HHS suggested that those groups partner up with others who could provide medical services.

"ORR is committed to providing resources and referrals for the full range of legally permissible services to UCs who need them, helping to facilitate access to these options, and doing so in a timely fashion and in a manner that respects the diverse religious and cultural backgrounds of UCs," it added.

"At the same time, ORR is also committed to finding ways for organizations to partner with us, even if they object to providing specific services on religious grounds," the regulation said.

It seems as though the Obama administration is taking a page out of a 2013 UNICEF report that claimed children as young as 10 years old have a "right" to sexual and reproductive health services without parental consent.



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According to the Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam), the Obama administration had stated that it was "contrary to the public interest" to wait until the public notice period ended.

C-Fam notes that further troublesome language appears in the regulation, including requirements to for facilities to train their staff in "LGBTQI" and in identifying "transgender and intersex" unaccompanied children.

C-Fam also indicates that the administration declared a congressional review to be unnecessary.

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