

HHS Considers Declaring Public Health Emergency on Abortion

The Biden administration is reportedly considering declaring a public health emergency on abortion in an effort to expand nationwide access to the procedure.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v Wade*, many states have enacted laws banning abortions after a certain point in the pregnancy.

President Joe Biden has vowed to do everything he can to protect access to abortion nationwide and this declaration may go directly after states with pro-life laws on the books.

Axios confirmed Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra is mulling different options to expand abortion access, including declaring a public health emergency on abortion.

"A public health emergency is supposed to be declared so you can save lives and in this case, they want to declare one to end life," Students for Life of America's Kristi Hamrick told CBN News.

A public health emergency declaration on abortion could potentially open up federal funding for women who need to travel out of state to get an abortion and it could make abortion medication more widely available.

"To think that you can crush state laws, suppress the voices of people so that you can end more life in the womb—it's an extraordinary overreach," Hamrick noted.

The Biden administration has said in the past this did not "seem like a great option," but Becerra confirmed to Axios

that the HHS is doing “an evaluation” on abortion to see if they think an emergency declaration is needed.

“I find it just absolutely confounding to think that protecting life could be declared a National Health emergency,” Virginia Republican Governor Glenn Youngkin told CBN News.

Youngkin told CBN News he’s astounded this is being considered.

“There is a moment here for us as Americans to step back and recognize the extremism on display here,” said Youngkin. “It’s the same extremism that we saw on the floor of the General Assembly in Virginia when they were pressing to provide on-demand abortion all the way up through and including birth, paid for by taxpayer money. This is not representative of America.” {eo}

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