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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

On behalf of the 105,900 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), I am writing to encourage the Department to assure that women facing unintended pregnancies are provided medically accurate information in their health care settings. The 2011 AAFP Congress of Delegates approved a resolution, titled "Ensure Accurate Medical Information at Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs)" urging federal, state, and local governments to support only the programs that provide medically accurate information to women facing unintended pregnancies and to enforce existing consumer protection laws prohibiting deceptive practices.

This resolution was offered in response to the understanding that some CPCs were providing women with inaccurate information about their options for and the consequences of dealing with an unintended pregnancy. Our members, as physicians, are strongly committed to evidence-based medicine and the informed participation of patients in their health care decisions, regardless of venue. We urge the federal government to be certain that any federal assistance for health care delivery centers does not support any provider who offers inaccurate or misleading information about medical care.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and if you have questions about this, please contact Kevin Burke, the AAFP Director of Government Relations, at kburke@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

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