



States Opt Out

The graphic above shows the number of states that desire to “opt out” of the recently passed Health Care Reform measure. The original graphic was designed by Americans United for Life.

Many of those who support abortion are still trying to persuade the public, and perhaps themselves, that no federal funds are made available in the reform measure for abortion services. We know this is simply not true, and the executive order signed by the President has no force of law to prevent tax dollars from being used for abortion services.

We should not assume that the primary reason so many states are attempting to opt out of the plan is opposition to abortion, but it is encouraging to note that even representatives from Planned Parenthood feel threatened. Laurie Rubiner of PP told *Fox News* that they are going to “...work very hard to make sure that these states do not pass these initiatives which would prevent women with their own funds from purchasing abortion coverage.”

AUL has much more information on their web site, AUL.org, on this issue, as well as some interesting information on Supreme Court nominee Kagan.