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IN THE NEWS:

June 1, 2011—Washington, D.C. (LifeSiteNews.com) - [The US Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) is conducting a safety review](#) of multiple brands of birth control pills containing drospirenone, a synthetic female sex hormone.

Bayer, the maker of several of the oral contraceptives whose effects the FDA is reviewing, faces 7000 lawsuits from women who say the drug manufacturer misrepresented the dangers associated with using [the birth control Yaz](#). Side effects include stroke, cardiac arrest, blood clots, and gallbladder problems—similar to those of other birth control pills.

Bayer has marketed *Yaz* to teenagers and young adult women touting its product as not only for preventing pregnancy, but also for treating Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD) and acne.

One wrongful death lawsuit involves an [18-year-old New Jersey college student who died of cardiac arrest](#) after taking *Yaz* for acne treatment. A blood clot had lodged in her lungs resulting in her sudden death on her way to classes on September 24, 2010.

The FDA noted on its public announcement that “[a]ll birth control pills pose a risk of blood clots,” but two studies posed in the [British Medical Journal](#) contended that the contraceptives containing drospirenone posed two to three times a greater risk than other contraceptives containing levonorgestrel.

Bayer said it will conduct a study of 800,000 women in order to resolve the conclusions of conflicting studies on drospirenone-containing contraceptives. The results of the study are due sometime in the summer.

STOP SB48!

SB48 was a bill signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown which would require California public schools and textbooks to include a study of the role and contributions of Native Americans...lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities..... This bill takes effect this coming January. Please go to www.stopsb48.com, watch the video, download and sign the Petition and have your friends and neighbors do so as well. Visit stopsb48.com or scan this code with your smart phone.



June 28, 2011—Indianapolis (LifeSiteNews.com) Recently, Indiana passed [House Enrolled Act \(HEA\) 1210](#) which, among other things, requires a physician who performs abortions to 1) inform the woman seeking an abortion that the fetus might feel pain and 2) show the pregnant woman fetal ultrasound imaging unless the woman states in writing that she does not wish to view it. Naturally, Planned Parenthood of Indiana (PPIN) filed suit to block the law, including the provision that doctors must tell women seeking abortions that “human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm.” This request was denied by U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt.

Planned Parenthood claimed the phrase was “misleading”. “When read together, the language crafted by the legislature in this provision supports a finding that the mandated statement refers exclusively to a growing organism that is a member of the *Homo sapiens* species,” wrote Pratt. The court continued, “Under Indiana law, a physician must disclose the facts and risks of a treatment which a reasonably prudent physician would be expected to disclose under like circumstances, and which a reasonable person would want to know.”

Another provision of the law bars federal Medicaid funds from going to the abortion provider. The judge did grant Planned Parenthood’s injunction request against that part of the same law.

Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel of the [Thomas More Society](#), praised the judge for upholding scientific fact, but said that they would continue to ensure that the measure defunding Planned Parenthood goes into effect. “While this is a significant partial victory for Life, we will press on to ensure that the full law will go into effect to defund Planned Parenthood in Indiana, Brejcha said. “We stand ready to defend Life in other states as they plan to defund Planned Parenthood and require doctors to tell women that life begins at conception.”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

You Are Cordially Invited.... To our meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

October 2nd 2:00pm-3:30pm: Annual Life Chain which got it's start right here in Yuba City in 1987! For more information, contact Harry Wilkinson at 743-8717 or visit the [website](#).

October 15, 2010 : A Woman's Friend banquet at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds Main Exhibit building. [Rick Santorum](#), **Presidential candidate**, will be the guest speaker! Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each or \$300 for a table of 10. For more information, contact A Woman's Friend at 741-9136 or visit their [website](#).

News Continued:

July 21, 2011—Austin, TX (LifeSiteNews.com) [Rick Perry](#), governor of Texas and 2012 GOP presidential candidate, has signed SB7 into law. This measure excludes abortion providers and their affiliates from the Medicaid Women's Health Program and also places Planned Parenthood at the bottom of the list of eligible recipients of family planning funds. Lawmakers in Texas also drastically cut the state's pool of these funds in June from \$100 million to roughly \$38 million.

SB7 also prevents hospital districts from using tax funding for elective abortions and encourages adult stem cell research by giving health officials authority to regulate adult stem cell banks.

Perry's signature places Texas among several other states depriving Planned Parenthood of funding in its state budget this year, including Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey, and North Carolina.

August 18, 2011—Texas (LifeSiteNews.com) Planned Parenthood is closing clinics and merging affiliates throughout Texas after funding cuts that came about as a result of the bill signed into law by Governor Perry. "Even though these clinics are family planning clinics, so there's not actually any abortions being provided at the clinics that are closing their doors, there's no mistake that these are abortion-minded clinics that are sending women to abortion clinics," commented Texas Right to Life Legislative Director John Seago. Texas funds stripped from family planning organizations have been reallocated to pregnancy centers, among other programs.



September 28-November 6: 40 Days for Life Fall campaign in Sacramento at Pregnancy Consultation Center, 1750 Wright Street, Sacramento. A facility that performs abortions into the 6th month of pregnancy! Visit their website [here](#) or call Maureen at 673-1437 or Heather at 751-9349.

Test your knowledge of abortion and its effects!

Go to the following: www.unchoice.info/popquizgeneral or scan this code with your smart phone.



July 21, 2011—LifeSiteNews.com [A Discover Magazine online article](#) published July 6 examined the outcome of years of experiments by [Dr. Joseph Giacino](#), director of rehabilitation neuropsychology at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, and [Nicholas Schiff](#), a Weill Cornell Medical Center neurologist, as they probed the distinction between reflexes and "real cognition" in patients labeled as being in a "[persistent vegetative state](#)" (PVS). "These are human beings who seem to have lost their humanity," Giacino told the magazine. "The question is, is that really the case?"

Several studies, one as late as 2009, have found that as many as 41% of PVS patients had some level of awareness, and the evidence keeps building.

Schiff called his first experience with an awakening "truly surreal" when he discovered that his very first PVS patient was speaking three years later. Spurred by that experience, he and Giacino examined more PVS patients. In one case, the team marveled as the neural activity of one man deemed minimally conscious "flared up" just like a healthy brain at the sound of his mother's voice.

Another patient woke up abruptly after 19 years of minimal consciousness and began to speak fluently. Later, a scan found that his brain was sprouting new connections, something "nobody would have believed" possible with a decades-old injury without picture proof.

"The implications of their work are haunting. It suggests that many of the estimated 250,000 to 300,000 or more people in this country languishing in bedrooms and nursing homes with disorders of consciousness are probably still 'in there' - still have some capacity to think and to feel and might, in a limited way, be able to rejoin the world," states the article.

Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

Candidates	Taxpayer Funding for Abortion	Roe v. Wade/Abortion	Funding for Abortion Providers	ObamaCare
<p><i>The candidates listed below have announced their candidacies for president and have scored a minimum of 3% in a national poll since 06/26/11.</i></p>	<p><i>The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.</i></p>	<p><i>The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 53 million abortions since then.</i></p>	<p><i>Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.</i></p>	<p><i>The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</i></p>
 <p>Barack Obama (D) U.S. President</p>	<p>The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."</p>	<p>"I am pro-choice. I believe in <i>Roe v. Wade</i>." "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)</p>	<p>On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law, which will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</p>
 <p>Michele Bachmann (R) U.S. Congresswoman from Minnesota</p>	<p>Voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3). "I am proud to stand with my colleagues...as we vote...on measures to...cut off taxpayer funding of abortion."</p>	<p>"What I want to do is repeal the <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision. That's what I would like to see happen..."</p>	<p>Voted to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.</p>	<p>Voted for a bill (H.R. 2) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). "I am committed: I will not rest until we repeal ObamaCare. Take it to the bank, cash the check, it will be done."</p>
 <p>Herman Cain (R) Businessman</p>	<p>Herman Cain issued a statement in favor of "ending taxpayer-funded abortions."</p>	<p>"Today we mourn the murder of millions of innocent lives because of the decision made 31 years ago by the United States Supreme Court to give doctors the right to end the life of an unborn child."</p>	<p>"Here's why I support de-funding Planned Parenthood, because ... when Margaret Sanger... started Planned Parenthood, the objective was to put these centers in primarily black communities so they could help kill black babies before they came into the world."</p>	<p>"They have passed measures that compromise the sacred patient-doctor relationship, eliminate patient choice, stick a bureaucrat in the examining room, ration care...they made health care...less accessible for American families they claimed to protect."</p>
 <p>Newt Gingrich (R) Former Speaker, U.S. House</p>	<p>Voted for the Hyde Amendment and other bans on government funding of abortion.</p>	<p>"The revolutionary idea contained in the Declaration of Independence is that certain fundamental human rights, including the right to life, are gifts from God and cannot be given nor taken away by government." "...choosing abortion is not acceptable."</p>	<p>"End taxpayer subsidies for abortion by repealing ObamaCare, defunding Planned Parenthood, and reinstating the 'Mexico City Policy,' which banned funding to organizations that promote and/or perform abortions overseas."</p>	<p>"We must repeal and replace the left's big government health bill with real solutions that will lower costs and improve health outcomes."</p>
 <p>Jon Huntsman (R) Former Governor of Utah</p>	<p>Jon Huntsman opposes taxpayer funding of abortion. (Statement from Jon Huntsman's campaign)</p>	<p>"I signed the bill that would trigger a ban on abortions in Utah if <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was overturned."</p>	<p>Jon Huntsman opposes taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. (Statement from Jon Huntsman's campaign)</p>	<p>"If I had a chance to repeal it, I would. But then you have to say what goes in its place, and I think the answer to that is look at what all the states are doing."</p>
 <p>Ron Paul (R) U.S. Congressman from Texas</p>	<p>Voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3). "Forcing taxpayers to subsidize abortion is evil and tyrannical."</p>	<p>"I think the <i>Roe v. Wade</i> situation was a big mistake and the states ought to have the right to decide on the issue, so I would deny jurisdiction to the federal courts on abortion issues."</p>	<p>Voted to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.</p>	<p>Voted for a bill (H.R.2) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).</p>
 <p>Rick Perry (R) Governor of Texas</p>	<p>"...this bill helps protect those who need our protection the most, the unborn, underscoring our ongoing commitment that taxpayer money never be used to fund abortions."</p>	<p>"Until the day <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is nothing but a shameful footnote in our nation's history books, we can't afford to give up the good fight." "Fifty million children have lost their chance at life – a tragic legacy..."</p>	<p>As governor, signed legislation to revoke taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.</p>	<p>"I applaud today's House vote to repeal ObamaCare...and I strongly urge the Senate to join in the rejection of this overreaching and harmful legislation." "They [people] understand that if this goes into place, we will be rationing health care."</p>
 <p>Mitt Romney (R) Former Governor of Massachusetts</p>	<p>"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."</p>	<p>"I support the reversal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, because it is bad law and bad medicine. <i>Roe</i> was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."</p>	<p>"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."</p>	<p>Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)</p>
 <p>Rick Santorum (R) Former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania</p>	<p>"During my tenure...I have... opposed, and will continue to oppose, the use of federal funds to subsidize abortion in any way."</p>	<p>"I believe we need to overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. I think it was a poorly and horribly decided decision."</p>	<p>"I can't imagine any other organization with its roots as poisonous as the roots of Planned Parenthood getting federal funding of any kind."</p>	<p>"The first order of business is to repeal ObamaCare in this country."</p>