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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

General Health

We support:

1. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not limited to:
 - a. reproductive health
 - b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services
 - c. wellness/prevention programs
 - d. addiction services
 - e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services
 - f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR
 - g. all brain disorders/injuries
 - h. affordable/no copay medications
 - i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications
 - j. telemedicine
 - k. training/supplying first responders using Narcan/Naloxone
 - l. statewide EMS Services
 - m. transgender healthcare
 - n. medical/assistive-devices/vision/hearing/mental/dental
2. medical end-of-life options
3. medical cannabis, removal Schedule 1, expanding access/clarifying regulations
4. state EHR exchanges
5. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels
6. increased funding NIH/NSF

We oppose:

7. privatizing Medicaid
8. denying/providing substandard medical services due to religious/personal bias
9. exemptions to ISAA
10. Medicaid block grants
11. restricting research on gun violence or stem-cells
12. waiting lists for HCBS waivers
13. INCSL
14. discrimination against LGBTQIA+

Adult, Aged, Disability, and Abused Persons

We support:

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15. accessibility for all
16. increasing inspections of troubled SNF/ALF/MIMR
17. fully funding:
 - a. OAA/LTCOP
 - b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
 - c. elder-abuse prevention
 - d. AAA
 - e. full spectrum continuing care, financial aid/legal assistance for abused persons
 - f. VAWA
18. national database for convicted abusers
19. consumer representation on HHS review boards
20. training/support/tax credits for at-home caregivers
21. LTC coverage prior to hospitalization
22. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition education/training

Children and Families

We support:

23. increasing inspections of childcare centers
24. fully funding:
 - a. child welfare systems
 - b. child/maternal/prenatal health programs
 - c. preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
 - d. BASP
 - e. CSRA/DPPA
 - f. high-quality, subsidized childcare
 - g. FSP
 - h. youth/homeless shelters
 - i. children's mental health system
 - j. CHIP/HAWK-I
25. mandatory NCARs
26. SNAP/WIC expansion
27. background checks for childcare workers
28. gender-neutral guardianship
29. kinship-care/foster-care parity
30. funding foster children through age 26
31. strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care

We oppose:

32. non-medical exemptions to immunizations

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33. gender-assignments at birth

Human Services

We support:

34. transitional programs from shelters/prisons-into-care, treatment, permanent housing
35. Medicaid for all autistic individuals
36. contraceptives/abortion coverage
37. maintaining/strengthening HUD, SS, MC/MD, Public Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
38. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards/minimal overtime
39. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
40. GHS activities overseen by CDC
41. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including Naloxone Funding
42. equitable health insurance premiums
43. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
44. effective FDA drug-approval
45. vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

We oppose:

46. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

Mental Health

We support:

47. mental health parity/availability/affordability
48. restoring/expanding MHIs
49. funding:
 - a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
 - b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
50. jail diversion programs/courts
51. effective treatment length
52. mental health training/awareness for 911/first responders
53. sufficient funding for CMHCs
54. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

Reproductive Rights and Family Planning

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We support:

55. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
56. Roe vs. Wade
57. fully funding:
 - a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers
 - b. PP
 - c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening
58. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
59. regulating CPC
60. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
61. certified nurse midwives

We oppose:

62. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
63. personhood for fetuses
64. restricting accessing abortions using TRAP laws/harassment
65. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default circumcision
66. Fetal Heartbeat bill
67. conversion therapy
68. parental consent/notification for contraceptives/abortion for minors

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

AAA - Area Agency on Aging
ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act
BASP - Before and After School Programs
CDC - Centers for Disease Control
CHIP - Children’s Health Insurance Program
CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers
CPC - Crisis Pregnancy Centers
CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act
DHS - Department of Human Services
DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act
EHR – Electronic Health Record
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FSP - Family Support Programs
GHS – Global Health Services
HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa

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HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
HHS – Health and Human Services
HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HUD – Housing and Urban Development
IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services
INCSL - Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act
LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community
LTC – Long-Term Care
LTCOP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
MC/MD - Medicare/Medicaid
MHI – Mental Health Institutions
MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation
NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
NIH – National Institutes of Health
NSF – National Science Foundation
OAA – Older Americans Act
PP - Planned Parenthood
SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
SS - Social Security
STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI - Sexually Transmitted Infection
TRAP - Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers
UCR – Usual and Customary Rates
VAWA – Violence Against Women’s Act
WIC – Women, Infants, and Children

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