

DRAFT: Addendum to FCNL's Statement of Legislative Policy Regarding Reproductive Health Care and Abortion

The highlighted portions are proposed being added to *The World We Seek: Statement of Legislative Policy*.

III.2.6. Health Care. Universal access to affordable, effective, comprehensive health care is a right and is necessary to allow all people to fulfill their potential. Comprehensive health care includes primary, acute, reproductive, and long-term care, including prescription drugs, as well as mental health and substance abuse treatment. To ensure access, health services should be provided where an individual's needs can best be met. Our country can only maintain and improve the physical and mental health of its population with affordable health care that covers the entire life span, from prenatal to end-of-life care. Public health services, which protect us all, require robust federal support.

III.2.7. Abortion. Abortion presents a moral dilemma for many Quakers. Quakers believe in the sacredness of life, bodily integrity and autonomy, and that we are all guided by the Spirit individually and collectively. FCNL supports individual discernment in approaching healthcare decisions. All persons should have equitable access to contraception, sex education, family planning, fertility and adoption services, and safe and legal abortion. The government should ensure adequate support to children and families. We oppose the criminalization of people seeking, undergoing, or involved in abortion services.

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