



Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 13-032

Establishing a Planned Parenthood Safe-Ride Program for all U-M Students

Resolution Information

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Long title	A Declarative Resolution to expand Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS) services to include safe, cost-free, and accessible rides to and from Planned Parenthood in Ann Arbor for all U-M students and community members.
Author Summary	This resolution would increase U-M students' access to safe and economically viable reproductive healthcare services. Currently, students are subject to many limitations and barriers that inhibit their ability to seek proper, confidential, and cost-free reproductive healthcare services to which they are entitled. This resolution will aid in upholding the safety and accessibility goals enumerated by our University's leaders and U-M at large.

Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote; Presidential approval.
Committees	Communications

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	Passed For First Reads (Y/N)	Passed For Second Reads (Y/N)
Rules		
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Communications	Y; AG	
Resolutions		

Attest

Jarek Schmanski, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

Date: ## Month YYYY

Presidential Approval

Meera Herle, Ford

Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

Planned Parenthood is a nonprofit organization that provides reproductive services. “[Planned Parenthood is a trusted healthcare provider, educator, and passionate advocate](#)...”¹

WHEREAS,

Planned Parenthood provides several services such as: abortion services, birth control, emergency contraceptives, primary care, HIV services, transgender hormone therapy, men’s health services, patient education, pregnancy testing and services, STD testing, treatment, and vaccines, and women’s services²; and

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan “[and Michigan Medicine strongly support access to safe, comprehensive reproductive health care](#)”³; and,

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan President Santa J. Ono remains “[committed to providing safe, high-quality and compassionate care across all reproductive health needs, including abortion care](#),”⁴ and,

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security (hereafter DPSS) “[is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for all U-M students, faculty and staff, with an emphasis on community outreach, prevention and education](#),”⁵ and,

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan Medicine Security team is to provide 24-hour full-service public safety through “[responding to and assisting with medical emergencies](#)” and “[providing escorts](#)”⁶ to students who seek care from healthcare providers, all of which are services that serve to uphold and “meet the unique needs of [Michigan Medicine](#)”⁷; and,

WHEREAS,

The [Planned Parenthood of Ann Arbor](#)⁸ is the only healthcare provider within a 3-mile radius from the University of Michigan’s campus that can and will provide easily accessible, viable, and low or no-cost reproductive healthcare, with or without insurance; and,

WHEREAS,

Many University of Michigan students assume the financial burden of paying for their tuition, housing, and other necessities. These expenses add up and it would be worthwhile for these students to at least have easy access to free and equitable reproductive healthcare services. Tuition alone costs \$16,178 for in-state students and \$53,232 for out-of-state students.⁹ Overall, the University of Michigan estimates that students will on average have living costs of over \$30,000 for in-state students and over \$70,000 for out-of-state students,¹⁰ and,

¹ [Who We Are | Planned Parenthood](#)

² [Our Services | Affordable Healthcare and Sex Education](#)

³ [Access to Abortion Care – University of Michigan - Public Affairs](#)

⁴ [Statement on Outcome of Proposal 3 - University of Michigan - Office of the President](#)

⁵ [About - University of Michigan - DPSS](#)

⁶ [Our Departments - Michigan Medicine Security - University of Michigan - DPSS](#)

⁷ [Michigan Medicine - University of Michigan](#)

⁸ [Power Family Health Center - Ann Arbor - Planned Parenthood](#)

⁹ [Tuition and Fees - Office of the Registrar](#)

¹⁰ [Estimating Costs - University of Michigan](#)

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan Medicine team does not insure nor provide access to cost-free abortion services or extensive cost-free reproductive healthcare services to U-M students¹¹ (regardless of their insurance policy status’); and,

WHEREAS,

Despite the fact that U-M students are required to [pay a mandatory health service fee \(included as part of tuition\)](#)¹², the fee does not fund nor enumerate any right to cost-free and extensive reproductive healthcare services, such as abortion services, provided by University Health Services (UHS) ; and,

WHEREAS,

Michigan Medicine Leaders remain dedicated to providing their patients with a full “spectrum of specialized reproductive health care, including abortion”¹³; and,

WHEREAS,

Michigan Medicine Leaders continue to acknowledge that access to reproductive healthcare “can be lifesaving and life changing”¹⁴; and,

WHEREAS,

Many U-M Students are not able to afford the University of Michigan’s provided reproductive healthcare or abortion services; and,

WHEREAS,

Due to many U-M Students’ fiscal inability to incur the cost of reproductive healthcare services, they must seek said reproductive healthcare services elsewhere and have no choice but to outsource their medical needs at clinics like Planned Parenthood of Ann Arbor; and,

WHEREAS,

The University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security’s Department of Medicine Security has already developed and established the proper infrastructure to provide a [24/7 ride service](#) to students so they may be [transported and escorted to healthcare and medical facilities](#)¹⁵; and,

WHEREAS,

We encourage that this service not be much different than the trips DPSS makes on behalf of students. The trips from campus to Planned Parenthood and campus are likely much shorter than other trips they provide to students to medical facilities. Therefore this would not create a large cost on DPSS and these stops at Planned Parenthood would be integrated into an already existing service; and,

WHEREAS,

We recommended that this service be required to follow all DPSS and state laws and regulations. The drivers along with everyone who helps to provide this ride service would not reveal any information about the student’s identity, where they were going, or why they were going there. Students are entitled to full confidentiality; and,

WHEREAS,

¹¹ [Information About Abortion - Michigan Medicine - University of Michigan Health](#)

¹² [Health Insurance and Billing FAQs - Student Life - University Health Service - University of Michigan](#)

¹³ [A Message from Michigan Medicine Leaders: Passage of Proposal 3 - Headlines \(11/9/2022\).](#)

¹⁴ [Ibid.](#)

¹⁵ [Michigan Medicine Security - Our Departments - DPSS - University of Michigan](#)

Federal law does not prohibit government funds from being used for indirect expenses related to abortion care, such as transportation¹⁶; and,

WHEREAS,

We urge the University of Michigan to provide safe, reliable, and protective transportation to and from Planned Parenthood by DPSS in order to prioritize the safety and security of the U-M community and its students due to an [increase in stationed aggressive pro-life protesters](#)¹⁷ who seek to divert patients' effort to seek reproductive healthcare.

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is declared, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

We recommend that the University of Michigan Medicine Security Team provide an additional ride service to Planned Parenthood location(s) in Ann Arbor in order to ensure safe, viable, accessible, and economically feasible reproductive healthcare, especially, for disadvantaged U-M students; and,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

We urge the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security to designate both Planned Parenthood locations in Ann Arbor as an additional Michigan Medicine Security drop off/escort location; and,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

We support DPSS in providing free rides to and from the Planned Parenthood, in Ann Arbor, from anywhere on campus for all students; and,

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this potential policy would benefit many students in need of healthcare services and would make reproductive care more accessible for students; and,

AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Speaker of the Assembly to:

- The Board of Regents
- Santa J. Ono, President of the University of Michigan
- Eddie L. Washington Jr., Executive Director of DPSS
- Karen Halliday, DPSS Program Manager
- Thernesa Rankin, DPSS Executive Assistant
- Alex Pietrantonio, DPSS Project Manager Advancing Public Safety

¹⁶ [Application of the Hyde Amendment to the Provision of Transportation for Women Seeking Abortions - Department of Justice](#)

¹⁷ [2018 National Clinic Violence Survey - FMF](#)