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Abortion advocates insert language into health care reform bill

A stealth amendment to the Kennedy-HELP health care reform bill would require insurance companies to cover abortion, says James Lansberry, vice-president of Samaritan Ministries International.

"This amendment is especially deceptive," Lansberry says. "Christians need to realize that they could be forced into an insurance plan that subsidizes abortion. Your premiums could end up paying for abortions. There is a danger for Christian doctors and health care providers too. They may end up being forced to provide abortions."

Lansberry continued, "I've said it before and I'll say it again. If Congress is serious about protecting so-called 'freedom of choice' then they should not force patients or doctors into medical procedures that violate their personal moral convictions."

Lansberry reminds President Obama that his own mother opted to choose life during very difficult times and circumstances when it appeared her son might have a bleak future. Instead, today he is sitting in The White House. He needs to allow doctors to give today's babies the same opportunity for life.

Other Christian leaders such as Tony Perkins of Family Research Council have also spoken out about these provisions in the health care reform bills, saying it would expand taxpayer funding for abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

Samaritan Ministries is a health care needs-sharing organization founded in 1994. It includes 13,500 member households in all 50 states and around the world. For more information about SMI or to contact James Lansberry, call 1-888-726-4276, send e-mail to jlansberry@smchcn.net or info@healthcaresharing.org, or view www.samaritanministries.org.

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