



AMENDMENT 6:

- **Prohibits use of public funds for abortion, with exceptions**
- **Aligns Florida law and Federal law which prevents taxpayer funding of abortion**
- **Allows for new legislation to restore parental consent**

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Amendment 6 Prohibits Public Funds to Pay for Abortion

- **Balances State and Federal law:** Amendment 6 would limit the use of state taxpayer funds for abortion to match the limit currently in federal law (known as the Hyde Amendment). This still allows exceptions for rape, incest or physical disorder, injury or illness that would result in the death of a woman if an abortion is not performed.
- **Respects taxpayers:** National surveys confirm that a majority of Americans believe it is wrong for government to use public funds for abortion.
- **Protects the most needy:** Precious health care dollars should be allotted to those with the greatest need, such as the disabled, children, elderly and others without the benefit of health insurance to cover critical medical needs.

Amendment 6 Would Allow Legislation to Restore Parental Consent

- **Restores Parental Rights:** Today in Florida, a minor child can have an abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian. Amendment 6 would enable that right to be restored by an act of the Legislature.
- **Gets Government out of Family Decisions:** Restoration of parental consent will enable a family to decide together such a personal decision about a medical procedure as life-changing as abortion without the interference of the government.
- **Respects Parents' Rights:** Parents have a natural responsibility and right to direct their child's total education, health decisions, and general welfare. Amendment 6 affirms and protects this responsibility in Florida's constitution.

Amendment 6 will be on the November 6, 2012 ballot

Amendment 6 Ballot Summary:

This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article 1, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.