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“Health-Care Lies” Fact Sheet
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NARAL Pro-Choice America released a video today that addresses how anti-choice politicians and their allies are engaging in distortions to derail real health-care reform. The following sections give additional background and source information on the documents and images referenced in the newly released video.

<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
Black screen/white words: Health-Care Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them.	music
<u>SOURCES DEBUNKING ANTI-CHOICE DISTORTIONS IN THE VIDEO</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Surgery for Seniors vs. Abortions?” <i>FactCheck.org</i>, http://www.factcheck.org/2009/07/surgery-for-seniors-vs-abortions/, July 31, 2009 • “Abortion and the health care reform bill,” <i>Politifact.org</i>, http://www.politifact.org/truth-o-meter/article/2009/aug/07/abortion-and-health-care-reform-bill/, August 7, 2009 	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>Up from black to video footage from Rick Sanchez’ CNN show. On screen is a copy of a quote from Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), which reads: “The ugly truth is that if his so-called health care reform bill, if enacted, will lead to millions of additional deaths to children and millions of mothers will be wounded.”</p> <p>The screen then transitions to footage of both Sanchez and Rep. Smith.</p> <p>Screen then reads: LIE.</p>	<p>Rick Sanchez: “Congressman Smith is good enough to join us now from Washington. Anybody who reads that is struck by the words, because you’re saying millions of children essentially will die. First of all, I want to make sure you are quoted correctly there. We have seen that in at least four or five different periodicals. That is your quote, right?”</p> <p>Rep. Smith: “Oh, Rick, without a doubt.”</p>
<u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Interview With New Jersey Congressman Chris Smith,” <i>CNN Newsroom</i>, 3 p.m. EST, 	

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0907/31/cnr.07.html>, July 31, 2009

<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>Up from black to picture of Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) that reads: The plan “will require (Americans) to subsidize abortion with their hard-earned tax dollars.”</p> <p>Screen then reads: LIE.</p>	<p>music</p>
<u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Is Not Health-Care Reform,” <i>National Review Online</i>, http://healthcare.nationalreview.com/post/?q=NGI1YjEwOTNjYmMzODBiYjJkNjliOTljODk2ZTBjOGE, July 23, 2009• Excerpt: “[W]e don't see anything to support Boehner's claim that taxpayers would subsidize abortions. And so we rule his statement False.” http://www.politifact.org/truth-o-meter/article/2009/aug/07/abortion-and-health-care-reform-bill/, August 7, 2009	
<u>VISUAL</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
<p>Up from black to the footage of the Family Research Council Ad. A “Harry and Louise” husband and wife are sitting at a kitchen table.</p> <p>Screen then reads: “LIE. Go to ProChoiceAmerica.org/healthcare to find out the truth, or they'll keep telling lies.”</p>	<p>Man: “They won't pay for my surgery, but we're forced to pay for abortions.”</p>
<u>SOURCES/CITATIONS</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “After A Government Health Care Takeover,” <i>Family Research Council YouTube Channel</i>, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxFC9Af3W1U, July 28, 2009• Excerpt: “In fact, none of the health care overhaul measures that have made it through the committee level in Congress say that abortion will be covered, and one of them explicitly says that no public funds will be used to finance the procedure. Furthermore,	

none of the bills call explicitly for cuts in Medicare coverage, much less rationing, under a public plan." <http://www.factcheck.org/2009/07/surgery-for-seniors-vs-abortions/>, July 31, 2009

- Statement against the ad from the anti-abortion group Catholics United: <http://www.catholics-united.org/?q=node/265>, July 30, 2009

VISUAL

Up from black to footage of Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Screen: Go to ProChoiceAmerica.org/healthcare.

AUDIO

Gov. Huckabee: "I'm going to oppose this bill, vigorously, because I don't want my tax dollars paying for the taking of the life of an unborn and perfectly innocent human being. That's exactly what'll happen."

SOURCES/CITATIONS

- "Healthcare Reform = Elective Abortions?" HuckPac YouTube Channel: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiROm3CbIto&feature=player_profilepage, August 5, 2009
- See previous segments for analyses that show this statement is false.