

III. HEALTH AND WELFARE

A. HEALTH

HOSPITAL DISTRICTS (2011). Regional hospital districts should be formed by mutual consent of the counties involved.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS (2010). We believe medical prescriptions provided to minors must have a parent's or guardian's written permission before it is dispensed.

RURAL MEDICINE (2008). We support economic inducements at state and local levels to encourage doctors to practice in rural areas and the restoration of equitable Medicare and Medicaid payments to rural hospitals and physicians.

B. PUBLIC WELFARE

ABORTION (2010). We oppose abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. We disagree with the United States Supreme Court decisions liberalizing abortion on demand. We oppose partial birth abortions. Since we oppose abortion, we strongly urge more restraint and supervision by the medical community concerning fetal tissue research. We urge repeal of the law concerning the school's involvement in the Parental Notification Law. We are opposed to birth control devices and/or counseling concerning abortion being offered by school-based health clinics.

ASSISTED SUICIDE (2007). Since Farm Bureau's policy at all levels supports the value of human life, we oppose any proposals to approve assisted suicides.

DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE (2008). We believe that the term marriage should be defined as a legal union between one man and one woman.

HIV TESTS (2008). We encourage HIV testing for both applicants for a marriage license.

HUMAN CLONING (2011). In keeping with Farm Bureau's philosophy that human beings be treated with dignity and respect, we support banning the cloning of human embryos.

IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (2008). We oppose mandatory use of implanted identification devices in humans with the exception of criminals.

MEDICAID (2010). We support compliance with Medicaid prequalification for non-critical care health services.

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY (2008). Farm Bureau supports the efforts to improve the quality of material offered through the mass media communication systems. We oppose the use of materials that would be destructive to the morals of our children. We urge the strict enforcement of anti-pornography and sexual predator laws with severe penalties imposed when children are involved.

RELIGIOUS LIFE (2008). We believe it to be an individual's inalienable right to worship

God, offer prayers and read the Bible as God's word in private and public places, including schoolrooms.

SAFE HAVEN (2008). We support safe haven laws regarding child abandonment in Nebraska.

WELFARE (2011). All persons receiving welfare who are able to work should be assisted in finding a job or be required to perform useful and productive work as a requirement for assistance. We support a time limitation for each individual's retraining while on welfare. We oppose giving welfare, health benefits and other public benefits to illegal aliens or legal aliens before naturalization.