

What if I have to travel to get an abortion?

Medical Assistance is required to pay a patient's transportation expenses to any medical service that is being paid for by Medical Assistance.

Each county has a Medical Assistance Transportation Program. In Philadelphia, call **WHEELS** 215-563-2000. In other counties, call your Managed Care Organization or County Assistance Office.

For legal help in getting Medical Assistance from DPW or for help in getting Medical Assistance to pay for transportation to medical care, call **Welfare Law Line** 215-227-6485 **Community Legal Services** 215-227-2400


Where can I call to get help?

CHOICE 215-985-3300
toll-free: 800-848-3367
en español: 215-985-3350
Call for help with doctors, clinics, or Medicaid HMOs.

Greater Philadelphia Women's Medical Fund
215-772-0602
Call for no-interest loans for abortions in southeastern Pennsylvania.

National Abortion Federation Hotline
1-800-772-9100
Call for no-interest loans for abortions outside of southeastern Pennsylvania.

Women's Law Project
215-928-9801 / 412-227-0301
Call for legal assistance with abortion.



**If you _____
have been _____
raped... _____**

**Pennsylvania
Medical Assistance
pays for abortions
for rape survivors.**

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When does Medical Assistance* pay for abortion in Pennsylvania?

- **When you are pregnant from rape or incest**
- **When you need an abortion to save your life**

What is rape?

Rape is when someone has sex with you:

- by force (hitting, kicking, using a weapon on you)
- by threatening to hurt you
- when you are drugged or unconscious (asleep, drunk, high, knocked out)
- when you can't consent due to mental illness or retardation
- if you are younger than 13
- if you are younger than 16 and the man is four or more years older

These situations are all rape, even if you know the person or had sex with him before.

What is incest?

Incest is sex with a parent, grandparent, brother, uncle, or nephew, or with someone who lives in your house and acts like a parent (like your mom's boyfriend).

For incest, it doesn't matter how old the people involved are or whether force was used.

How long does it take to get a Medical Assistance abortion?

You should start the process as soon as you know you are pregnant and are sure of your decision. The extra paperwork takes time, so don't delay.

Who do I have to tell about the rape to get a Medical Assistance abortion?

You must tell a doctor, who will fill out a form saying that you were raped. It can be your own doctor, the doctor at an abortion clinic, or any doctor who is giving you medical treatment.

What forms do I need?

You will need a "Physician Certification for an Abortion" form (MA-3), and a "Recipient Statement" form (MA-368). The CHOICE hotline or Women's Medical Fund can fax them to your doctor if he or she doesn't have them.

*Medical Assistance is also called MA, Medicaid, medical, medical card, or Access. Many people get Medical Assistance through an HMO like Keystone Mercy, HealthPartners, AmeriChoice, Gateway or UPMC/Best. You must be enrolled in Medical Assistance to be eligible for coverage of an abortion.

What if I don't know the name of the rapist or the exact date it happened?

You don't need to know his name or the exact date to get a Medical Assistance abortion or make a police report.

Do I have to report it to the police?

NO! You **DO NOT** have to tell the police if you and your doctor sign a form saying that you are physically or psychologically unable to report the rape.

However, if you are under 18 and you have been raped by a family member, it is likely that Child Protective Services will be called to protect you.

What if no one believes me?

You have a right to be believed and treated with respect! If your doctor won't sign the forms you can go to another doctor or call CHOICE for help. In addition, you can make a complaint to your Managed Care Organization or Medicaid HMO.