## PA Abortion Law & Access 2024



Abortion remains legal in Pennsylvania, though severely restricted.

Abortion is essential healthcare but is regulated through the crimes code in Pennsylvania. Healthcare facilities that provide abortion care in Pennsylvania must comply with more than 1,200 pages of state laws, rules, and regulations. PA abortion law contains politically imposed barriers to abortion care that correlate with negative maternal & child health outcomes, including:

- Only doctors may perform abortions.
- ▶ Physicians are mandated to give patients a state-scripted pre-abortion lecture; 24% of the information in PA's "informed consent" booklet is inaccurate.
- Patients must undergo a medically unnecessary 24-hour waiting period.
- Young people must obtain a parent's consent or a court order to obtain abortion care.
- Public funds can't be used for abortion except in narrow circumstances that don't include health of the pregnant person.
- PA lawmakers banned abortion coverage in private insurance plans purchased through the state exchange, and explicitly voted to deny care to pregnant people experiencing medical crisis.

## 18 freestanding abortion providers are left in Pennsylvania.

