



Medicaid Coverage of Abortion Care Begins in Pennsylvania Today

In a milestone victory for reproductive freedom for Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Court ruled to allow Medicaid coverage of abortion to begin as Allegheny Repro appeal filed by Attorney General Dave Sunday proceeds.

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July 16, 2026 // PENNSYLVANIA — On July 15, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania granted our request to allow the Commonwealth to begin implementing Medicaid coverage for abortion care while the appeal filed by Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday proceeds through the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

This [new ruling](#) means that, as of today, Pennsylvania's Medicaid program includes abortion care.

The case is *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services*.

In April, [Commonwealth Court overturned Pennsylvania's abortion coverage ban](#) after finding it violated patients' fundamental right to reproductive autonomy and discriminated on the basis of sex in violation of the Pennsylvania Constitution. In May, Attorney General Sunday filed [an appeal](#), which automatically suspended abortion coverage. Earlier this week, we [asked the court](#) to allow the Commonwealth to begin covering abortion care while the appeal proceeds through the courts.

"At last, a terrible injustice that has harmed Pennsylvanians for decades has ended," said **Susan J. Frietsche, Executive Director of Women's Law Project**. "Pennsylvania can no longer target women and birthing people on Medicaid to deprive them of their fundamental right to reproductive autonomy. As of today, patients enrolled in Medicaid who need abortion care will be covered as the case proceeds."

"Low-income people and Black women in particular have suffered for decades under an unconstitutional law that seeks to coerce them into carrying pregnancies against their will," said **Christine Castro, Senior Staff Attorney at Women's Law Project**. "They have been systemically forced under this law to risk medical injury and the range of harms that can accompany pregnancy and birth in a country marked by stark racial disparities in maternal health outcomes. This is a victory for everyone who opposes discrimination and government overreach, and a victory for racial justice and public health."

"Our goal is equality for all, regardless of sex, income, or race," said **Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla, staff attorney at Women's Law Project.** "Our strategy is to build and leverage the power of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The result is reproductive justice."

While this victory represents another major milestone in securing reproductive freedom for Pennsylvanians, the case is not over. The Pennsylvania Attorney General's office has vowed to continue fighting both the April ruling that overturned the Medicaid ban and any court ruling that cleared the path for coverage while the appeal proceeds.

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