Delaware



ACCESS FACT: 18% of Delaware women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

Protected Access

Political Information

EXECUTIVE

Governor John Carney (D) supports reproductive freedom.

LEGISLATURE

The Delaware Senate supports reproductive freedom. The Delaware House supports reproductive freedom.

Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

PROTECTIONS

NO - The Delaware state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.

YES - Delaware has an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

BANS

NO - Delaware does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

NO - Delaware does not unconstitutionally ban abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade.*

NO - Delaware does not ban abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

NO - Delaware does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion services.

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

YES - Delaware does not subject pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements or mandatory waiting periods.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

NO - Delaware does not subject pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements or mandatory waiting period.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

YES - Delaware restricts young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental notice.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

NO - Delaware has not improved people's access to emergency

contraception in the ER.

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

NO - Delaware law does not protect people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE

Prescription Guarantees

NO - Delaware does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

Healthcare Refusals

YES - Delaware allows certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

YES - Delaware prohibits some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling and/or referring for abortion.

Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

YES - Delaware law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

YES - Delaware provides increased coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

Delaware has no provision guaranteeing or restricting insurance coverage of abortion.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - Delaware restricts low-income people's access to abortion.

COLOR KEY: • Restricts Reproductive Freedom | • Shows Mixed Support for Reproductive Freedom | • Expands Reproductive Freedom

While these laws remain on the books, some have been temporarily or permanently blocked. For more information, please see Fast Facts.