

THE LONG ROAD TO GETTING AN ABORTION IN TEXAS

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1. FINDING A PROVIDER

Texas legislators have passed many targeted restrictions on abortion providers (TRAP laws) that make it harder for clinics to keep doors open, especially in rural areas.



2. FAKE CLINICS

Crisis Pregnancy Centers outnumber abortion clinics 14 to 1 in Texas. These fake clinics are marketed like abortion clinics but only exist to confuse, shame, and delay care for people needing care.



3. DRIVING MILES FOR SOME TEXANS

Nearly 900,000 Texans live more than 150 miles from a clinic. If you live in Lubbock, you have to drive over 5 hours each way to reach an abortion clinic.



5. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER CHECKPOINTS

Texas has over 80 border checkpoints, which prohibits undocumented people in Texas from travelling to seek care.



6. TELEMEDICINE AND MEDICATION ABORTION BANS

Texas law prohibits abortion care through telemedicine and limits the time medication abortion is allowed. These medically unnecessary restrictions make it harder for rural Texans to access care.



4. CHILDCARE

2 out of 3 Texans needing an abortion are already parents. When faced with multiple appointments and travel, this means that parents have to secure childcare and even lodging.



8. SB 8 6-WEEK BAN

SB 8 not only bans abortion before many people know they're pregnant — it also allows any person, anywhere, to sue providers, abortion funds, and family members for any perceived violation of the ban. Many people are turned away from clinics if fetal cardiac activity is detected; this can be as early as 5 weeks.



7. PARENTAL CONSENT AND JUDICIAL BYPASS

For minors who don't have a safe parent to support their abortion decision, they have to ask a judge's permission in a "judicial bypass" to the parental consent requirement. It's common for minors to be humiliated, shamed and denied a bypass by anti-abortion judges and have their abortion care unnecessarily delayed.



9. PAYING FOR ABORTION CARE AND INSURANCE BANS

The cost of an abortion starts at \$450 — and most Texans have to pay out of pocket. Texas law limits private insurance from covering abortion care unless you buy a separate waiver policy. Federal policies like the Hyde amendment also deny coverage for abortion to people who get insurance through Medicaid and Tricare.



10. WAITING PERIODS

Texas law requires a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion, which forces people to attend a second and sometimes even a 3rd medically unnecessary appointment in person.



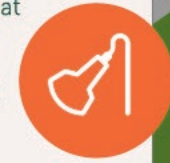
11. STIGMA AND HARASSMENT

Despite abortion being common (1 out of 4 Texans who can get pregnant will have an abortion), bad laws and stigma keep people from seeking care, asking for support, or sharing their experiences. Patients and clinic staff often face harassment outside of clinics, which can also impact the experience.



12. FORCED SONOGRAM

Texas law requires a sonogram 24 hours before an abortion—for most pregnancies, that means a medically unnecessary, invasive transvaginal ultrasound.



14. PROCEDURE BANS

Instead of patients and doctors determining the best care for an individual, Texas legislators banned safe and effective abortion procedures that other states allow.



13. MISINFORMATION

Texas law requires doctors to read medically inaccurate information to patients before their abortion.



15. CRIMINALIZATION

In the wake of a near total abortion ban, more Texans are opting to self manage their abortions. While the act of self managing an abortion can be safe, Texans face the possibility of criminalization, disproportionately impacting communities already over surveilled.

