INTERSECTION OF STATE ABORTION POLICY AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

9 of 10 Reported Abortions in the US Are in the First Trimester and the Abortion Rate Has Decreased

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27 States Require Waiting Periods Before a Woman May Obtain an Abortion

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Many States Require Women to Be Counseled on Topics Lacking Medical Consensus or Evidence

State policy requires clinicians or staff to tell women seeking abortion that...

- Abortion raises the risk of breast cancer
  AK, KS, MS, OK, TX
- Abortion may cause fetal pain
  AK, AR, GA, IN, KS, LA, MN, MO, OK, SD, TX, UT
- Pregnancy begins at conception
  IN, KS, ND, MI, OK, SD

Half of States Limit ACA or Private Insurance Coverage of Abortions

Some states ban coverage in all cases. Other states allow coverage in cases of rape, incest, or life threat.

Many States Impose Jail Time for Physicians Who Perform Abortions Past Gestational Limits

Gestational limits and exceptions vary by state

- Jail sentence for abortions 20–22 weeks past last menstrual period (LMP)
- Jail sentence for abortions 24 weeks past LMP to third trimester

Many States Have Specific Requirements for Clinics and Physicians Who Provide Medication Abortions

- No jail sentence but state abortion limit is 22 weeks past LMP
- Federal and/or state law limits abortion after viability

Note: Unless indicated, all state policies are current as of August 2016.

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