



ACCESS FACT: 3% of California women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

Strongly Protected Access

Political Information

EXECUTIVE

Governor Gavin Newsom (D) [supports reproductive freedom](#).

LEGISLATURE

The California Senate [supports reproductive freedom](#).

The California House [supports reproductive freedom](#).

Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

PROTECTIONS

YES - The California state constitution provides protection for the right to abortion in addition to the U.S. Constitution.

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

BANS

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

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

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

Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

YES - California expands the type of qualified healthcare professionals who can provide abortion services.

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

NO - California treats abortion providers like other medical professionals.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

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

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

YES - California restricts young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental consent.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

YES - California law improves people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

YES - California law protects people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE

Prescription Guarantees

YES - California guarantees that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

Healthcare Refusals

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

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

NO - California does not prohibit 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 - California law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

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

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

YES - California guarantees abortion coverage in the private insurance market.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

YES - California covers low-income people's access to abortion without restrictions.

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.

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