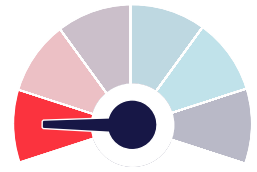


South Carolina



ACCESS FACT: 71% of South Carolina women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

Severely Restricted Access

Political Information

EXECUTIVE

Governor Henry McMaster (R) **opposes reproductive freedom.**

LEGISLATURE

The South Carolina Senate **opposes reproductive freedom.**

The South Carolina House **opposes reproductive freedom.**

Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

PROTECTIONS

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

NO - South Carolina does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

BANS

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

YES - South Carolina unconstitutionally bans abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade*.

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

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

YES - South Carolina subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

YES - South Carolina subjects pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements and/or mandatory waiting periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

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

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

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

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

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

Healthcare Refusals

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

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

YES - South Carolina 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 - South Carolina law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

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

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - South Carolina expressly prohibits abortion coverage in all or some of the private insurance market.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - South Carolina 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.

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