**North Carolina**

**ACCESS FACT:** 53% of North Carolina women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

### Political Information

**EXECUTIVE**
Governor Roy Cooper (D) supports reproductive freedom.

**LEGISLATURE**
The North Carolina Senate opposes reproductive freedom.
The North Carolina House opposes reproductive freedom.

### Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

**PROTECTIONS**
- **NO** - The North Carolina state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.
- **NO** - North Carolina does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

**BANS**
- **NO** - North Carolina does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.
- **YES** - North Carolina bans abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

### Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

**EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE**
- **NO** - North Carolina does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion services.

**CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS**
- **YES** - North Carolina subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

**BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS**
- **YES** - North Carolina subjects pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements and/or mandatory waiting periods.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION**
- **YES** - North Carolina restricts young people’s access to abortion services by mandating parental consent.

**EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION**
- **NO** - North Carolina has not improved people’s access to emergency contraception in the ER.

**CLINIC PROTECTIONS**
- **YES** - North Carolina law protects people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

**GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE**

**Prescription Guarantees**
- **NO** - North Carolina does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

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

**COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS**
- **NO** - North Carolina 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** - North Carolina law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

**PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION**
- **YES** - North Carolina provides increased coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

**PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION**
- **NO** - North Carolina expressly prohibits abortion coverage in all or some of the private insurance market.

**PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION**
- **NO** - North 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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*SOURCE: Guttmacher Institute, 2017 data*