Rhode Island

ACCESS FACT: 22% of Rhode Island women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

### Political Information

**EXECUTIVE**
Governor Gina Raimondo (D) supports reproductive freedom.

**LEGISLATURE**
The Rhode Island Senate has a mixed record on reproductive freedom.
The Rhode Island House supports reproductive freedom.

### Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

#### PROTECTIONS
- **NO** - The Rhode Island state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.
- **YES** - Rhode Island has an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

#### BANS
- **NO** - Rhode Island does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.
- **NO** - Rhode Island does not unconstitutionally ban abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of Roe v. Wade.
- **NO** - Rhode Island 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** - Rhode Island expands the type of qualified healthcare professionals who can provide abortion services.

#### CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS
- **YES** - Rhode Island subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

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

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

#### EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION
- **NO** - Rhode Island has not improved people’s access to emergency contraception in the ER.

#### CLINIC PROTECTIONS
- **NO** - Rhode Island law 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** - Rhode Island does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.
- **Healthcare Refusals**
  - **YES** - Rhode Island allows certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

#### COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS
- **NO** - Rhode Island 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** - Rhode Island law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION
- **YES** - Rhode Island provides increased coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

#### PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION
Rhode Island has no provision guaranteeing or restricting insurance coverage of abortion.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION
- **NO** - Rhode Island 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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