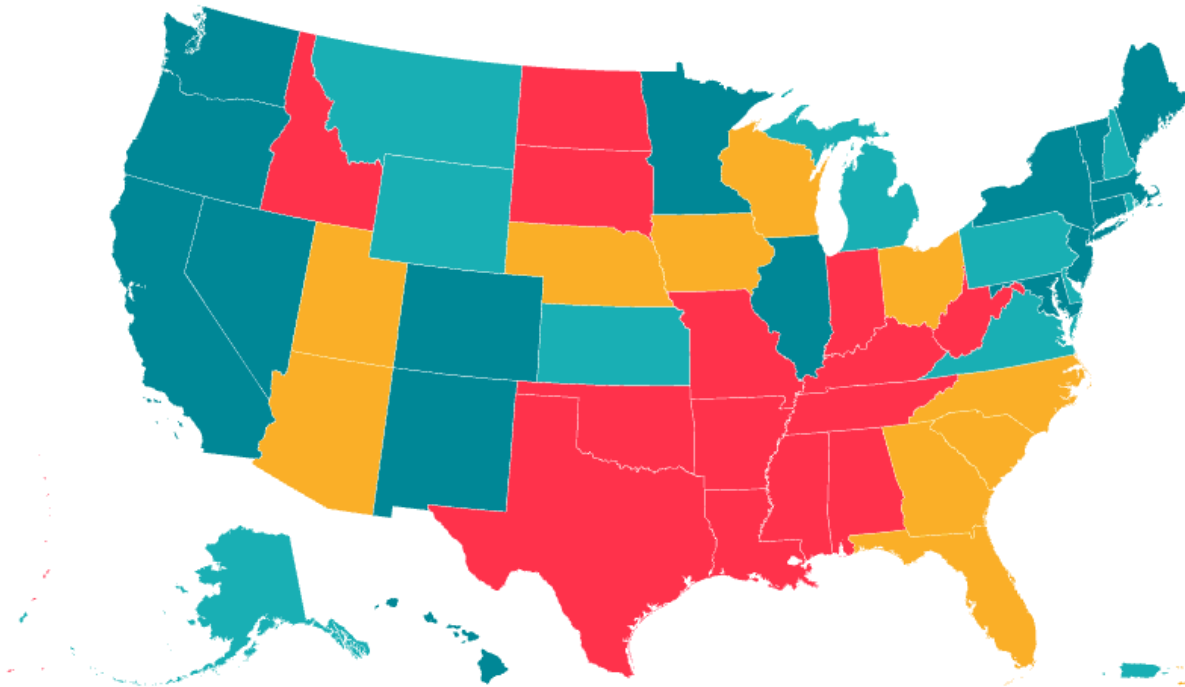


# State Laws Impacting Telehealth for Medication Abortion Care (TMAB)

■ Abortion Provision Prohibited ■ Expanded Protections for TMAB Provision ■ TMAB Provision Permitted ■ TMAB Provision Prohibited



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Overall Classification

- **Abortion Provision Prohibited:** 14 states and 2 territories (Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, American Samoa, Northern Marianas), which effectively bans the provision of TMAB
- **TMAB Provision Prohibited:** an additional 10 states and 1 territory (Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Wisconsin, Virgin Islands) either explicitly or effectively ban the provision of TMAB.
- **TMAB Provision Permitted:** 9 states and 2 territories (Alaska, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wyoming, Guam, Puerto Rico)
- **Expanded Protections for TMAB Provision:** 17 states and the District of Columbia (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, Washington)

### Specific Classification

- **Explicit TMAB Ban:** 18 states (Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin)
- **Implicit TMAB Ban:** 6 states and 1 territory (Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, Utah, Virgin Islands)
- **All Virtual Permitted:** 26 states, the District of Columbia, and 2 territories (Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, Guam, Puerto Rico)

## TABLE

### Key:

◻ = All Virtual Permitted
















▶ = Explicit TMAB Ban















▷ = Implicit TMAB Ban

■ = Protections for TMAB provider extend when the patient is not physically located in the state at the time of care

□ = Protections for TMAB provider are contingent on the patient's physical location in the state at the time of care

State or Territory	Abortion Provision Prohibited	TMAB Provision Prohibited	TMAB Provision Permitted	Expanded Protections for TMAB Provision	State Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Prohibited	State Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Permitted
Alabama	▶				X	
Alaska			◻			X
Arizona		▶			X	
Arkansas	▶				X	
California				◻ ■		X
Colorado				◻ ■	X	
Connecticut				◻ □		X

Delaware				 <input type="checkbox"/>	X	
District of Columbia				 <input type="checkbox"/>	X	
Florida		▶			X	
Georgia		▽			X	
Hawaii				 <input type="checkbox"/>		X
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Illinois				 <input type="checkbox"/>		X
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North Carolina		▷			X	
North Dakota	▶				X	
Ohio		▷			X	
Oklahoma	▶				X	
Oregon				 		X
Pennsylvania					X	
Rhode Island						X
South Carolina		▶			X	
South Dakota	▶				X	
Tennessee	▶				X	
Texas	▶				X	
Utah		▷			X	
Vermont				 		X
Virginia					X	
Washington				 		X
West Virginia	▶				X	
Wisconsin		▶			X	
Wyoming					X	
American Samoa	X					
Guam						
Northern Marianas	X					
Puerto Rico						
Virgin Islands		▷				

## GLOSSARY

- **Telehealth:** Telehealth enables health care providers to treat patients virtually without an in-person appointment. Patients can connect directly with a health care provider from any location and this can be done in a variety of ways, including via live video (“synchronous”), the phone, secured chat (“asynchronous”), and other telecommunications. This can be delivered direct-to-patient, site-to-site, or via hybrid in-person/virtual care.
- **Telehealth for Medication Abortion (“TMAB”):** Medication abortion is prescribed through a [telehealth visit](#) via a phone and/or video with a provider, this can be direct-to-patient, site-to-site, or through a hybrid in-person/virtual care experience.
- **Expanded TMAB Provision Protections:** A state statute and/or other law or policy (sometimes referred to as “Shield Laws”) that prescribes additional protections for providers and/or other persons or entities involved in facilitating an individual’s access to telehealth for medication abortion services. State protections vary in scope and may include protections against professional licensure consequences, sharing information or data with out-of-state investigators or law enforcement agencies, and malpractice insurance coverage loss.
- **Ultrasound Requirement:** A state-mandated requirement that a patient receive an ultrasound before abortion care, regardless of the health care provider’s medical recommendation.
- **Medicaid:** Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that helps cover medical costs for some people with limited income and resources. Federal guidelines require all states to follow certain Medicaid guidelines, but each state has flexibility in designing and administering its programs. As a result, eligibility requirements and benefits vary widely from state to state.
- **RH Testing Requirements:** A state-mandated requirement that a patient undergoes blood testing and treatment for Rhesus (Rh) factor, a protein found in red blood cells, regardless of medical recommendation.
- **In-Person Visit Requirements:** State-mandated requirements that a patient is physically present with their health care provider during certain stages in the abortion care process, regardless of medical recommendation.
- **Implicit TMAB Provision:** State-mandated requirements, typically including an in-person visit requirement, that effectively inhibits a provider from offering telehealth-only medication abortion, regardless of medical recommendation.
- **Explicit TMAB Provision:** State-mandated laws banning abortion provision through telehealth services.

### Additional Resources:

- **The Center for Reproductive Rights:** [After Roe Fell: Abortion Laws by State](#)
- **Kaiser Family Foundation:** [State Policies on Abortion Coverage in Medicaid, Private Insurance, and ACA Exchange Plans – 2024](#)
- **Power to Decide:** [State-by-State Medicaid & Private Payor Telehealth Policies](#)
- **Guttmacher:** [Interactive Map: US Abortion Policies and Access After Roe](#)
- **Center for Connected Health Policy:** [Telehealth Policy Maps](#)