

Information about Abortion

What is an abortion?

Abortion is an intervention to end a pregnancy so that it does not result in a live birth. Abortion is safe, effective, and legal in the state of Michigan.

Who can have an abortion in Michigan?

Pregnant people can have an abortion up to 24 weeks of pregnancy. There are some exceptions based on your age and the stage of pregnancy you are in, including:

- If you are **more than 24 weeks pregnant**, you won't be able to get an abortion in Michigan. For help finding a clinic outside of Michigan that offers abortion services after 24 weeks, call the National Abortion Federation at (800) 772-9100 or visit AbortionFinder.org.
- If you are **under the age of 18**, a parent or legal guardian must give you permission to get an abortion in Michigan. If you cannot, or do not want to get parent or guardian permission, you can try to get a **judicial bypass**. A judicial bypass is an order from a judge that allows you to get abortion services without parent or guardian permission. To contact the Judicial Bypass Helpline, call (844) 868-2812 or submit a help request online at: www.reprolegalhelpline.org/jb-contact-the-helpline.

What abortion services are available to me?

The type of abortion you have is based on many factors, including your health, how far along you are in your pregnancy, and where you live. Your healthcare provider can discuss your options with you. There are more options available to

you earlier in your pregnancy, so it is important to speak with your provider as soon as possible to make a plan that is right for you.

There are two different types of abortions: taking medication that ends a pregnancy (**medication abortion**) and having a procedure in a clinical setting to end a pregnancy (sometimes called an **abortion procedure**).

- **Medication abortion:** a medication abortion involves taking 2 medications (mifepristone and misoprostol) to end a pregnancy.
- **Abortion procedure:** a procedure done in a clinic, surgery center, or hospital that removes the pregnancy from your uterus (womb).

At Michigan Medicine, you can have a medication abortion up until you're 10 weeks pregnant. After 10 weeks, you will need a procedure to end your pregnancy. Other facilities in Michigan may be able to offer medication abortion up to 11 weeks.

Where can I get an abortion?

Depending on the care that you need, there are many clinics in Michigan that can help you. You do not have to be certain about your decision to have an abortion before coming to talk with a healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider can help you understand your options and make the decision that is right for you.

Clinics that provide abortion services:

- Michigan Medicine OB/GYN and Family Planning Clinics: (734) 763-6295
- Planned Parenthood: (800) 230-7526
- Northland Family Planning Center: (800) 447-7354
- Michigan Medicine Family Medicine Clinics (for patients who already have a PCP at a Michigan Medicine Family Medicine Clinic): (734) 539-5000
- University Health Services (For students, faculty and staff): (734) 764-8320

For other clinics in your area, visit: AbortionFinder.org

There are some centers in Michigan called **crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs)**, but these clinics do not offer abortion services. Many CPCs are not medical clinics, and CPC staff might give you inaccurate information or try to persuade you not to have an abortion. Learn more about how to recognize CPCs at: bit.ly/ACOG-CPC. If you have trouble finding a clinic that offers abortion services, contact the National Abortion Federation at (800) 772-9100.

What else do I need to know before I get an abortion?

Because of Michigan law, all people having an abortion must get specific information before their abortion. You must get this required information **at least 24 hours before your abortion and no more than 14 days before your abortion**. Talk about this with the clinic and your healthcare provider when you call for information to make sure you complete this step at the right time.

Most clinics will require you to print a form from this website and bring it to your abortion appointment: bit.ly/MDHHS-AbortionConsent. When you go to the website, you may click the (+) icons to read the information, and then you must click “FINISH.” The next page you see is the page you must print and bring to your appointment. Click on the “Print” link next to the printer icon.

- You do not have to fill in the blanks on the page before your appointment (you can complete this at the appointment with your doctor).
- You will see a bolded date and time below the “Patient’s Signature” line. This date and time is automatically set to 24 hours after you finished reading the information and clicked “FINISH.” This is the date and time when you can start to receive your abortion pill or abortion procedure. By law, you can’t start your abortion procedure before this time.

- Having this official printed document is required for your abortion. If you have trouble finding or printing this document, please contact the clinic before your appointment.

For help understanding your rights and options, contact the ReproLegal Helpline (ReproLegalHelpline.org) at (844) 868-2812.

How much will an abortion cost?

Your insurance plan may or may not cover the costs of an abortion procedure. **We recommend that you call the clinic and/or your insurance provider to ask if abortion is a covered option.** For patients seeking care at Michigan Medicine, contact the Patient Financial Experience team at (855) 855-0863.

Clinics may offer financial support for patients who are trying to get an abortion. If you need help paying for an abortion or related costs (like travel), visit the National Network of Abortion Funds at AbortionFunds.org to learn more.

I need to speak with someone about my options, including abortion.

Who do I call?

If you have a primary care provider (PCP), they can talk with you about your options. A provider at a Michigan Medicine OB/GYN clinic may be able to speak with you about your options as well. Call the clinic to set up an appointment at: (734) 763-6295.

If you would like to speak with someone for support after an abortion, contact Exhale Pro-Voice (ExhaleProVoice.org) at (617) 749-2948.

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