North Dakota

North Dakota's Abortion Control Act went into effect on April 24th, 2023, and is a total abortion ban with limited exceptions.



Political Information:

EXECUTIVE

Governor Doug Burgum (R) opposes reproductive freedom.

LEGISLATURE

The North Dakota Senate majority opposes reproductive freedom. The North Dakota House majority opposes reproductive freedom.

Abortion Rights:

PROTECTIONS

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

NO - North Dakota does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

BANS

YES - North Dakota bans abortion throughout all stages of pregnancy unless it is deemed medically necessary to prevent death or serious health risk

YES - North Dakota bans abortion in cases of rape or incest after six weeks, calculated by gestational age.

Reproductive Health Access and Restrictions:

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

NO - North Dakota does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion services.

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

YES - North Dakota subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

YES - North Dakota subjects pregnant people seeking abortion care under limited exceptions to biased counseling requirements and mandatory waiting periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

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

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

NO - North Dakota has not improved people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

NO - North Dakota 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 - North Dakota does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

Healthcare Refusals

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

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

YES - North Dakota prohibits some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling on abortion and/or referring to out of state abortion providers.

Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

NO - North Dakota law does not guarantee expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

NO - North Dakota has not expanded coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

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

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - North Dakota restricts low-income people's access to abortion.

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