



Arkansas

Arkansas has the second highest number of abortion restrictions in the country, along with 6 other states, but has passed only 13 of 25 supportive policies. If the health of women and children is truly a concern for the state, policymakers' time and effort would be better spent passing policies that are known to support women and children, rather than enacting harmful abortion restrictions.

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**Abortion
Restrictions**

TRAP / PROVIDER RESTRICTIONS

1. **Ambulatory surgical center standards imposed on facilities providing abortion**
2. **Hospital privileges or alternative arrangement required for abortion providers**
3. **Restriction on which health care providers may provide abortions**

PROCEDURE RESTRICTIONS

4. **Gestational age limit for abortion set by law**
5. **Medication abortion restrictions**
6. **Method abortion bans**

COVERAGE / FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS

7. **Restrictions on abortion coverage in Medicaid**
8. **Restrictions on abortion coverage in private health insurance plans**
9. Restrictions on abortion coverage in public employee health insurance plans
10. **Restrictions on the allocation of public funds**

QUESTIONS PATIENT DECISION-MAKING

11. **Mandatory counseling prior to abortion**
12. **Parental involvement required before a minor obtains an abortion**
13. **Requirement to have or be offered an ultrasound**
14. **Waiting periods required between time of first appointment and abortion**
15. **Bans on the basis of sex, race, or fetal diagnosis**

RESTRICTS ABORTION ACCESS

16. **Number of abortion providers per women aged 15-44 is below the national average**
17. **Health care providers can refuse to provide abortion services**

OTHER ABORTION RESTRICTIONS

18. **Trigger and/or pre-Roe abortion bans**

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**Supportive
Policies**

IMPROVES ACCESS TO HEALTH

1. **Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion**
2. **Telephone, online, and/or administrative renewal of Medicaid/CHIP**
3. Above average Title X funding per patient
4. **Contraceptive parity law in place**
5. **IVF insurance or fertility preservation laws**

SUPPORTS PREGNANT PEOPLE

6. **Medicaid income limit for pregnant women is at least 200% of the federal poverty line**
7. Expanded family/medical leave beyond the FMLA
8. **Maternal mortality review board established**
9. Reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers
10. Restrictions on shackling pregnant prisoners
11. Paid sick leave
12. **Workplace lactation rights beyond the federal requirements**

PROMOTES CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SAFETY

13. Children can enroll in CHIP with no waiting period
14. **Physical education for elementary, middle, and high school**
15. Sex education mandate
16. HIV education mandate
17. **Broad eligibility criteria for early intervention services for children at risk of developmental delay**
18. **Districts must provide full-day kindergarten**
19. Firearm safety law(s) designed to protect children

SUPPORTS FAMILIES' FINANCIAL HEALTH

20. Families receiving TANF can keep child support collected on their behalf
21. **State minimum wage is above the federal minimum**
22. **Income limit for childcare assistance is greater than 55% of state median income**
23. No family cap policy or flat cash assistance grant
24. **Individuals may be eligible for CCDF childcare subsidies if they are seeking employment**

PROMOTES A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

25. Worksites, restaurants, and bars must be smoke free

Indicators are updated through 2019 or the most recent year data was available.