## **EVALUATING PRIORITIES**





# **Connecticut**

Connecticut has the third lowest number of abortion restrictions in the country, along with 6 other states, and has enacted 16 of 25 supportive policies. State legislators should continue passing policies that are known to support women and children instead of enacting harmful abortion restrictions.

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Abortion Restrictions

#### TRAP / PROVIDER RESTRICTIONS

- 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
- 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
- Waiting periods required between time of first appointment and abortion
- 15. Bans on the basis of sex, race, or fetal diagnosis

#### **RESTRICTS ABORTION ACCESS**

- 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

- 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
- 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

- Families receiving TANF can keep child support collected on their behalf
- 21. State minimum wage is above the federal minimum
- Income limit for childcare assistance is greater than 55% of state median income
- 23. No family cap policy or flat cash assistance grant
- 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.