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## Evaluation of Priorities

### South Dakota

- **Abortion Restrictions**: 15 of 18
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#### Indicators

- **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

### Indicators

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