

State Informed Consent Requirements/Provisions rev. June 2016

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	Waiting Period, Counseling Services				Fetal Development Information			
	Wait Period*	In-Person Counseling [†]	Written Materials	Info on Abortion Coercion	Info on Fetal Development	Gestational Age of Child	Ability of Fetus to Feel Pain	Personhood begins at Conception
Alabama	48 hours		Given	V,W	W	V		
Alaska			Offered		W	V	W**	
Arizona	24 hours	required	Offered	V,W	W	V		
Arkansas	48 hours	required	Offered	V,W	W	V	V**,W	
California								
Connecticut						V		
Delaware						V		
Florida	24 hours	required	Offered		W	V		
Georgia	24 hours		Offered		W	V	W	
Idaho	24 hours		Given	W	W			
Indiana	18 hours	required	Given		W	V	V,W	V,W
Kansas	24 hours		Given	W	W	V	W	W
Kentucky	24 hours		Offered		W	V		
Louisiana	24 hours	required	Given	W	W	V	V,W	
Maine						V		
Massachusetts								
Michigan	24 hours		Given		W	V,W		
Minnesota	24 hours		Offered		W	V	V**,W	
Mississippi	24 hours	required	Offered		W	V		
Missouri	72 hours	required	Given	W	W	V	W**	W
Montana								
Nebraska	24 hours		Offered		W	V		
Nevada						V		
North Carolina	72 hours		Offered	V	W	V		
North Dakota	24 hours		Offered	W	W	V		V
Ohio	24 hours	required	Given		W	V		
Oklahoma	72 hours		Offered		W	V	V**,W	W
Pennsylvania	24 hours		Offered	W	W	V		
Rhode Island						V		
South Carolina	24 hours		Offered		W	V		
South Dakota	72 hours	required	Given	V	W	V	W**	W
Tennessee	48 hours	required				V		
Texas	24 hours	required	Offered		W	V	W**	
Utah	72 hours	required	Given	W	W	V	V**,W	
Virginia	24 hours	required	Offered		W	V		
West Virginia	24 hours		Offered	W	W	V		
Wisconsin	24 hours	required	Offered	V,W	W	V		

*All states waive mandatory waiting period in a medical emergency.

[†]Counseling is waived in specific states for the following reasons:
in Alabama in cases of ectopic pregnancy or sever fetal impairment,
in Georgia and Rhode Island in cases of medical emergency,
in Utah if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.

V - Verbal communication, W - Written materials

**Ability of fetus to feel pain is only given at 20 weeks of pregnancy or greater, or in Missouri at 22 weeks or more; in Utah, the requirement may be waived in the case of rape, incest, life endangerment, or a severe health problem.

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	Procedure Information		Information on Risks of Abortion related to:			Counseling on Health Risks of Continuing the Pregnancy
	Information on Specific Procedure	General Info on All Procedures	Future Fertility	Breast Cancer	Mental Health	
Alabama	V	W			W^	W
Alaska	V	W	W^	W^	W	W
Arizona	V	W	W^		W	V
Arkansas		W	W^		W	V,W
California	V					
Connecticut	V					
Delaware	V					
Florida	V					V
Georgia		W	W^		W	V,W
Idaho	V	W	V		W^	V,W^
Indiana	V	W	V,W	W		V
Kansas	V	W	W^	V,W	W	V,W
Kentucky	V					V
Louisiana	V	W	W^		W	V,W
Maine	V					V
Massachusetts						
Michigan	V,W		W		W	V,W
Minnesota		W	V,W^	V,W^	W	V,W
Mississippi	V		V,W	V,W^		V,W
Missouri	V	W	V		V,W	
Montana						
Nebraska		W	V,W^		W	V,W
Nevada	V					
North Carolina	V	W			W	V
North Dakota		W	V			V
Ohio	V					V
Oklahoma		W	W^	W^	W	V,W
Pennsylvania	V	W	W^		W	V,W
Rhode Island	V					
South Carolina	V	W	W^		W	W
South Dakota		W	V,W^		W	V,W^
Tennessee						V
Texas		W	V,W	V,W	W^	V,W
Utah	V	W	W		V,W	V,W
Virginia	V	W	W		W	W
West Virginia		W	V		W	V,W
Wisconsin	V	W	V,W		V,W	V,W

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^ Infomtion is included in written counseling materials although not specified by state law.