

## Arkansas

### **State mandated information**

The State of Arkansas requires the physician performing the abortion, the referring physician or an agent of either physician to orally inform woman either in person or by phone of: (1) the name of physician performing the abortion; (2) the medical risks associated with the abortion procedure and with carrying the child to term; (3) the probable gestational age of the fetus at the time of the abortion; (4) the availability of medical assistance benefits for prenatal, childbirth and neonatal care; (5) the child support obligations of the father; (6) the right to view state prepared materials in person or online; and (7) a written certification form must be signed by her prior to the abortion.

### **State prepared materials**

Under Arkansas law, the physician performing the abortion or an agent of the physician must orally inform a woman either in person or by phone of her right to view state prepared materials. If the woman chooses to view the materials, they can either be mailed to her or she can view the materials online prior to and in no event on the same day of the abortion. These materials include: (1) a list of public and private agencies offering abortion alternatives including adoption agencies; (2) a toll free number where the list of agencies can be accessed 24-hours a day; (3) the anatomical and physiological characteristics of the fetus at two-week gestational increments from the beginning of pregnancy to delivery, including the fetus's chances of survival outside of the womb and enlarged pictures/drawings depicting stages of fetal development; (4) the methods of termination commonly employed; (5) the medical risks commonly associated with each method of termination; (6) the detrimental psychological effects of abortion; and (7) the medical risks of carrying the child to term.

### **Mandatory delay requirements**

The State of Arkansas imposes a 24 hour mandatory delay before a woman can have an abortion.

Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-16-901 to -904 (Enacted 2001, Amended 2005).