

Florida

State mandated information

The State of Florida requires the physician performing the abortion or the referring physician to orally inform a woman in person of: (1) the nature and risks of having or not having an abortion, which a reasonable person would consider material to their decision; (2) the probable gestational age of the fetus at the time of the abortion; (3) the medical risks to the woman and to the fetus of carrying the fetus to term; (4) the right to view state prepared materials; and (5) a written certification form that must be signed by her prior to the abortion.

State prepared materials

Under Florida law, the physician performing the abortion or the referring physician must inform a woman of her right to view State prepared materials. These materials include a description of the fetus, a list of agencies that offer abortion alternatives, and information on the availability of medical assistance benefits for prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care.

Mandatory delay requirement

The State of Florida imposes no mandatory delay before a woman can have an abortion.

The Florida Supreme Court declared that the oral counseling portion of the law is constitutional in State v. Presidential Women's Ctr., No. SC04-2186, 2006 Fla. Sup. Ct. LEXIS (Fla. Apr. 6, 2006).

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 390.011 (Enacted 1979, Last Amended 1998).