

Minnesota

State mandated information

The State of Minnesota requires the physician performing the abortion or the referring physician to orally inform a woman in person or by phone at least 24-hours before her abortion of: (1) the medical risks associated with the abortion procedure including risks of infection, hemorrhage, breast cancer, danger to subsequent pregnancies and infertility; (2) the probable gestational age of the “unborn child” at time of the abortion; and (3) the medical risks associated with carrying the child to term. For abortions performed after the twentieth week, a woman must be informed whether anesthesia or an analgesic would eliminate or alleviate pain to the “unborn child” caused by the abortion and its respective benefits and risks.

In addition, a woman must be orally informed by phone or in person, by the physician performing the abortion, by the referring physician or by an agent of either physician at least 24-hours before the abortion of: (1) the availability of medical assistance benefits; (2) the child support obligations of the father; (3) the right to view state prepared materials and the availability of the materials on a state-sponsored website.

State prepared materials

Under Minnesota law, the physician performing the abortion, the referring physician or an agent of either physician must inform a woman of her right to view state prepared materials. If she chooses to view the materials other than online, the physician or agent must provide them to her in person at least 24-hours before the abortion or mail them to her at least 72 hours prior to the abortion. These materials include the stages of development of the “unborn child”, a list of agencies offering abortion alternatives and fetal pain materials for abortions performed after the twentieth week of gestation.

Mandatory delay requirement

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

Minn. Stat. §§ 145.4241 to .4243 (Enacted 2003, Amended 2005).