

Mississippi

State mandated information

The State of Mississippi requires the physician performing the abortion, the referring physician or an agent of either physician to inform a woman orally and in person of: (1) the name of the physician performing the abortion; (2) the medical risks associated with the abortion procedure including risks of infection, hemorrhage, breast cancer, danger to subsequent pregnancies and infertility; (3) the probable gestational age of the “unborn child” at time of abortion; and (4) the medical risks of carrying the child to term

In addition, the physician or an agent of the physician must also inform a woman of: (1) the availability of medical assistance benefits; (2) the child support obligations of father; (3) a list of public and private agencies that provide pregnancy prevention counseling and medical referrals for obtaining pregnancy prevention medications or devices; (4) the right to review state prepared materials; and (5) a written certification form that must be signed by her prior to the abortion.

State prepared materials

Under Mississippi law, the physician performing the abortion or an agent of the physician must inform woman of her right to view state prepared materials. These materials include a description of the “unborn child” and a list of agencies that offer abortion alternatives.

Mandatory delay requirement

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

Miss. Code Ann. §§ 41-41-33, -35 (Enacted 1991, Amended 1996).