

Virginia

State mandated information

The State of Virginia requires the physician performing the abortion, the referring physician, a licensed professional or practical nurse working under the direct supervision of either physician to orally inform woman either in person or by phone of: (1) the nature, benefits, risks of and alternatives to the abortion procedure to be used; (2) the right to withdraw consent at any time; (3) the right to speak with the physician performing abortion if she has any questions or concerns; (4) the probable gestational age of the fetus at the time of the abortion; and (5) the right to review state prepared materials.

State prepared materials

The physician performing the abortion, the referring physician, a licensed professional or practical nurse working under the direct supervision of either physician or other licensed health care professional must inform a woman of her right to view state prepared materials. If a woman chooses to view the materials, they must be provided to her in person at least 24-hours prior to the abortion or mailed to her at least 72 hours prior to the abortion. These materials include: (1) a list of public and private agencies that provide assistance to women throughout pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the child is dependent including adoption agencies; (2) information regarding counseling services, financial assistance, paternity establishment and enforcement, child development, child rearing, stress management and pediatric and maternal health; (3) a toll free number with a list of agencies that can be accessed 24-hours a day; (4) a description of the abortion methods most commonly used; (5) the negative psychological effects of abortion; (6) the medical risks of carrying the child to term; and (7) the probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the fetus at two week gestational increments including the chances of the fetus's survival and pictures of the fetus's development during pregnancy.

Mandatory delay requirement

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

Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-76 (Enacted 1997, Last Amended 2003).