Abortion Reporting Requirements

Most states have laws that require the reporting of abortion procedures. These laws require abortion providers to submit one or more of the following types of reports: general reports regarding abortion procedures; reports related to abortion complications; informed consent reports; medical emergency reports; and reports regarding a minor’s abortion. Some of the information that may be required to appear in the reports includes: demographic information about the patient; the gestational age of the fetus; the abortion procedure used; the patient’s reason for abortion; the patient’s pregnancy history; fetal heartbeat detection; and the method of payment. Many of these laws require some degree of confidentiality to protect the patient and/or the abortion provider.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws regulating abortion reporting requirements in effect from December 1, 2018 through December 1, 2019. Learn more at www.lawatlas.org.