Abortion Provider Qualifications

The majority of states require that a licensed physician be the provider performing an abortion procedure. States may also require additional qualifications for all abortion providers, including advanced training and experience, hospital admitting privileges, and OB/GYN certification. In *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* (2016), the U.S. Supreme Court found that Texas’ admitting privileges requirement placed an undue burden on abortion access, in violation of the Constitution.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws regulating abortion provider qualifications in effect from December 1, 2018 to December 1, 2019. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

### Abortion Provider Qualifications

As of December 1, 2019, 47 jurisdictions have laws regulating abortion provider qualifications. Since December 1, 2018, one state (Illinois) repealed its law that regulated abortion provider qualifications.

**Jurisdictions:** 47 (AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY)

### Physician Requirement

Thirty-nine states have laws requiring a physician to perform any type of abortion. Maine and Illinois have both removed the physician-only requirement since December 1, 2018.

**Jurisdictions:** 39 (AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NV, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY)

### Advanced Practice Clinicians Prohibition

Twelve jurisdictions have laws that explicitly prohibit advanced practice clinicians from providing abortions.

**Jurisdictions:** 12 (AZ, DC, GA, KS, MO, NH, OH, SC, SD, TN, UT, WY)