

STATE POLICY ON INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION

	State-Developed Written Materials Given or Offered (1)	Women Informed That Consent Cannot Be Coerced (2)	Description of Procedures		Fetal Development		Ultrasound	
			Information about specific procedure (3)	Descriptions of all common procedures (4)	Information on gestational age of fetus (5)	Descriptions of fetal development throughout pregnancy (6)	Information about how to access ultrasound services (7)	Required, and provider must offer woman opportunity to view image (8)
States with Detailed Abortion-Specific Informed Consent Requirements (23 states)								
Alabama	G	V,W	V	W	V	W	–	X
Alaska	O	–	V	W	V	W	–	–
Arkansas	O	V,W	V	W	V	W	–	‡
Georgia	O	–	V	W	V	W	V**	‡
Idaho	G	–	V	W	–	W	–	‡
Kansas	G	W	V	W	V	W	–	–
Kentucky	O	–	V	–	V	W	–	–
Louisiana	G	W	V	W	V	W	–	X
Michigan	G	–	V,W	–	V,W	–	W†	‡
Minnesota	O	–	V	W	V	W	–	–
Mississippi	O	–	V	–	V	W	–	X
Nebraska	O	–	V	W	V	W	–	–
North Dakota	O	–	V	–	V	W	–	–
Ohio	G	–	V	–	V	W	–	–
Oklahoma	O	–	V	W	V	W	V,W	–
Pennsylvania	O	W	V	W	V	W	–	–
South Carolina	O	–	V	W	V	W	–	–
South Dakota	O	–	V	W†	V	W	–	–
Texas	O	–	V	W†	V	W	–	–
Utah	G	W	V	W	V	W	V	–
Virginia	O	–	V	W	V	W	–	–
West Virginia	O	W†	V	W	V	W	–	–
Wisconsin	O	W	V	W	V	W	V,W	–
States with Customary Informed Consent Provisions (10 states)								
California	–	–	V	–	–	–	–	–
Connecticut	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Delaware	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Florida	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Indiana	–	–	V	–	V	–	V	–
Maine	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Missouri	–	–	V	–	–	–	–	–
Nevada	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Rhode Island	–	–	V	–	V	–	–	–
Tennessee	–	–	–	–	V	–	–	–
U.S. TOTAL	23	8	32	18	30	22	6	3*

G= given; O= offered; V= verbal; W= written. *Three states without informed consent policies but with other relevant laws are not included in this table. Arizona and Florida laws require ultrasounds whenever an abortion is performed after the first trimester. Illinois law requires that a woman obtaining an abortion after viability be given the option of providing anesthesia to the fetus. †Included absent a specific requirement in the statute. ‡If an ultrasound is provided as part of the preparation for the abortion, then the physician must offer the woman the opportunity to view it.

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Future Fertility		Breast Cancer		Health Risks of Abortion Mental Health		Information on Ability of Fetus to Feel Pain (15)	Additional Resources		
Accurately portrays risk (9)	Inaccurately portrays risk (10)	Correctly reports no link (11)	Inaccurately asserts possible link (12)	Correctly reports range of emotional responses (13)	Describes only negative emotional responses (14)		Information on services for pregnant & parenting women (16)	Contact information for crisis pregnancy centers (17)	
-	-	-	-	W†	-	-	W	W†	Alabama
W†	-	-	W†	W	-	W	W†	W†	Alaska
W†	-	-	-	W	-	V\$,W	V,W	W†	Arkansas
W†	-	-	-	W	-	V,W	V,W	W†	Georgia
V	-	-	-	W†	-	-	W	W†	Idaho
W†	-	-	W†	W†	-	-	V,W	W†	Kansas
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V,W	W†	Kentucky
W†	-	-	-	W†	-	V**	V,W	W†	Louisiana
-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	Michigan
V,W†	-	V,W†	-	W	-	V\$,W	V,W	W†	Minnesota
V,W†	-	V	W†	-	-	-	V,W	W†	Mississippi
V,W†	-	-	-	-	W	-	V,W	W†	Nebraska
V	-	-	-	-	-	-	V,W	W†	North Dakota
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V,W	W†	Ohio
W†	-	-	W†	W	-	V\$,W	V,W	W†	Oklahoma
W†	-	-	-	W	-	-	V,W	W†	Pennsylvania
W†	-	-	-	-	W†	-	V,W	W†	South Carolina
V	W†	-	-	-	W†	W†	V,W	W†	South Dakota
V	W	V	W	-	W†	W†	V,W	W	Texas
-	-	-	-	-	W	-	V,W	W†	Utah
-	-	-	-	W	-	-	V,W	W†	Virginia
V	-	-	W†	-	W	-	V,W	W†	West Virginia
V,W	-	-	-	V,W	-	-	V,W	W†	Wisconsin
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	California
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Connecticut
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	Delaware
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Florida
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Indiana
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Maine
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Missouri
-	-	-	-	††	-	-	-	-	Nevada
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rhode Island
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	-	Tennessee
17	2	3	6	12	7	8*	25	22	U.S. TOTAL

Information given only to women who are at least 20 weeks' gestation. **The law was enacted in 2007 and also requires the information to be included in the written materials; however, the materials have not yet been updated. ††Law requires discussion of emotional impact of abortion. *Note:* The chart reflects laws and policies that are in effect as of October 1, 2007.