

Expanding Misinformed Consent Across State Lines

[HB 282](#) - [Rep. Anderson](#) (R-131, Springfield)

This bill forces Missouri's medically inaccurate "informed consent" materials onto anyone who seeks information about an abortion outside of the state.

House Bill 282 extends Missouri's medically inaccurate, government-scripted "informed consent" materials to other states.

- HB 282 imposes new requirements on abortion and family planning providers. When an abortion or family planning provider gives a person "considering abortion" information that includes anything about an out-of-state abortion provider, the organization is required to give them the same government-scripted, medically inappropriate "informed consent" materials.
- This bill requires providers to present the materials in person if the individual is physically present at the center, office, community outreach event, etc. If the inquiry is over the phone, the provider must offer to send the materials via overnight mail.

We all want patients to have medically accurate information and the support they need to make a carefully considered decision about pregnancy, but House Bill 282 does not do this.

- Information should support a patient, help them make a decision for themselves, and enable them to take care of their health and well-being.
- Missouri's medically inaccurate materials are designed to shame a person who is considering abortion into changing their mind.
- As a health care provider, Planned Parenthood understands the importance of informed consent. This bill does nothing to improve this process or help patients.

These bills are an attempt to shame Missouri women - pure and simple.

- Forcing doctors to provide medically inaccurate information for political reasons is a violation of medical ethics and dangerously dismissive of a patient's right to truthful information from their doctor.
- Missouri's largest cities span state lines, and it is common for Missourians to get care in other states. This is an attempt by politicians to impose their personal beliefs on people outside our state.

House Bill 282 puts patient privacy and confidentiality at risk.

- Providers must include the patient's name and address to mail the materials overnight. This risks violating a patient's privacy and the confidentiality of their medical treatment.
- This is especially dangerous for a person in an abusive relationship, who could be in great danger if their abuser—whether partner or parent—sees the return address or reads the materials.



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House Bill 282 adds another medically unnecessary regulation for providers to follow.

- This bill creates medically unnecessary bureaucracy for organizations responding to inquiries about abortion. For example, health care providers would be required to create and maintain records of inquiries from individuals who are not their patients.
- House Bill 282 does not define compliance, nor do they specify how providers would demonstrate compliance. Yet the penalty for failure to comply is a Class A misdemeanor.

Planned Parenthood works every day to provide patients the high-quality health care they need in a safe and respectful environment. That includes abortion.

- Planned Parenthood has been an important part of Missouri's health care network for over 80 years—and will be there for the Missourians who rely on them for another 80 years.
- One in five women in America has turned to one of Planned Parenthood's nonprofit health centers for professional, nonjudgmental, and confidential care at some point in her life.