

Expanding Misinformed Consent Across State Lines

[HB 282](#) - [Rep. Anderson](#) (R-131, Springfield) | [SB 420](#) - [Sen. Riddle](#) (R-10, Callaway County)

These bills force doctors to give Missouri's medically inaccurate "informed consent" materials to any patient who seeks information about an abortion outside of the state.

House Bill 282 & Senate Bill 420 force health care providers to give Missouri's medically inaccurate, government-scripted "informed consent" materials to people who are "considering abortion" in another state.

- These bills require that when an abortion or family planning provider gives a person who is "considering abortion" information about an out-of-state abortion provider – even just a phone number, address, or website – they must also give them Missouri's government-scripted, medically inappropriate "informed consent" materials.
- If the person is physically present at the health center, office, community outreach event, etc., the provider must give them the materials in-person. If the information is shared over the phone or online, the provider must offer to ship the materials overnight.

We all want patients to have medically accurate information and the support they need to make a carefully considered decision about pregnancy, but these bills don't do that.

- As a health care provider, Planned Parenthood understands the importance of informed consent. This bill does nothing to improve this process or help patients.
- 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.

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

- Forcing doctors to provide medically inaccurate information for political reasons violates medical ethics and dismisses 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 & Senate Bill 420 put 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 the materials.



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These bills impose another medically unnecessary regulation on providers.

- House Bill 282 & Senate Bill 420 create 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.
- These bills do 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.