



MIFEPRISTONE'S DEADLY HISTORY

Abortion Drug-Related Events from 2000 to Now



On September 28, 2000, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the drug mifepristone for the specific purpose of inducing an abortion. This approval dramatically altered the landscape of the battle for the dignity of the human person. It shifted the location of most abortions away from abortionists' facilities to the isolation of a pregnant mother's bathroom, making women into their own abortionists and leaving them to reckon with the outcomes alone.

Since its approval, mifepristone has killed millions of unborn children and maimed or killed an unknown number of their mothers. The abortion drug has also been exploited by abusers, leaving bereaved mothers aching for the child they longed to hold.

Although no publication can fully convey the extent of the horrors caused by mifepristone, the following is a detailed record of notable events that have occurred since its approval.

TIMELINE KEY



FEDERAL ACTION



STATE ACTION



COURT CASES



STORIES OF HARM



HISTORIC EVENTS



CITIZEN PETITIONS

September 28, 2000 – FDA Approves Mifepristone

The Clinton-era U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the abortion drug mifepristone.¹ Because mifepristone poses serious health risks to the women taking it,² its original approval included several safety requirements:

- It could only be used within the first 49 days (seven weeks) of pregnancy.
- It had to be dispensed in person at a clinic or hospital by a certified prescriber (*i.e.*, a licensed physician with the ability to assess the duration of pregnancy, diagnose ectopic pregnancies, and provide surgical intervention in the case of incomplete abortion or severe bleeding).
- Patients were required to have an in-person follow-up visit approximately 14 days after taking the abortion regimen to confirm the abortion's status via clinical examination or ultrasound.
- All adverse events were to be reported.³

January 20, 2001 – First Inauguration of President George W. Bush

September 12, 2001 – Brenda Vise Dies

Brenda Vise of Tennessee died after an abortion business misdiagnosed her ectopic pregnancy and proceeded with administering mifepristone. Staff concluded the unborn child was “too small to be seen.” However, the ultrasound image actually showed Vise’s bladder, not her uterus.⁴

August 20, 2002 – AAPLOG Submits Citizen Petition to FDA Regarding Mifepristone’s Approval

The American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), along with the Christian Medical Association and Concerned Women for America, submitted a citizen petition to the FDA urging the agency to remove mifepristone’s approval and audit the Mifeprex[®] clinical studies.⁵

September 17, 2003 – Holly Patterson Dies

Holly Patterson of California died from toxic shock syndrome after undergoing a mifepristone abortion when she was seven weeks pregnant.⁶

December 29, 2003 – Vivian Tran Dies

Vivian Tran of California died of sepsis following a mifepristone abortion. Tran’s family sued the drug’s manufacturers and the Planned Parenthood location that provided the drugs for failing to inform her of the risks associated with mifepristone.⁷

January 14, 2004 – Chanelle Bryant Dies

Chanelle Bryant of California died of toxic shock syndrome following a mifepristone abortion.⁸

January 20, 2005 – Second Inauguration of President George W. Bush

June 14, 2005 – Oriane Shevin Dies

Oriane Shevin of California died of toxic shock syndrome after a mifepristone abortion. According to a lawsuit that her family won in 2007, the abortionist's lack of appropriate follow-up care led to Shevin's death.⁹

July 19, 2005 – FDA Issues Public Health Advisory Prompted by Mifepristone Deaths

The Bush-era FDA issued a public health advisory prompted by the deaths of four women in the United States who had used mifepristone and intravaginal misoprostol. The advisory indicated that two of the cases displayed symptoms consistent with toxic shock and an endometrial infection caused by the anaerobic bacteria *Clostridium sordellii*.¹⁰

September 29, 2005 – John Roberts Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

John Roberts, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President George W. Bush, would later vote in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

January 31, 2006 – Samuel Alito Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Samuel Alito, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President George W. Bush, would later vote in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade* and write the majority opinion.

January 20, 2009 – First Inauguration of President Barack Obama

August 6, 2009 – Sonia Sotomayor Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Sonia Sotomayor, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Obama, would later vote against overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

August 5, 2010 – Elena Kagan Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Elena Kagan, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Obama, would later vote against overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

June 2011 – FDA Approves Mifepristone REMS

The Obama-era FDA converted mifepristone’s safety requirements to a new drug safety program begun during the Bush administration called Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS). The initial mifepristone REMS maintained all of the original safeguards.¹¹

January 21, 2013 – Second Inauguration of President Barack Obama

January 27, 2014 – John Welden Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

John Welden of Florida tricked his girlfriend into taking misoprostol by forging the signature of his father, a fertility doctor, on a prescription and putting the drugs in a bottle labeled as an antibiotic. Welden’s actions killed their six weeks gestation unborn child. Welden was sentenced to almost 14 years in prison.¹²

January 29, 2016 – Joshua Woodward Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

Joshua Woodward administered misoprostol to his girlfriend without her consent or knowledge during a sexual encounter, killing their 13 weeks gestation unborn child. Woodward’s girlfriend had previously refused his request that she have an abortion. Woodward was sentenced to nine years in prison.¹³

February 23, 2016 – Scott Bollig Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

Scott Bollig of Kansas laced a pancake with mifepristone and served it to his pregnant girlfriend, killing their eight to 10 weeks gestation unborn child.¹⁴ Bollig was found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and was sentenced to almost 10 years in prison.¹⁵

March 29, 2016 – FDA Approves Changes to the REMS

The Obama-era FDA approved several changes to the mifepristone REMS:

- Extending the approval window from seven to 10 weeks.
- Expanding the definition of “certified prescriber” to included not only physicians but also “healthcare providers.” To become certified, providers only needed the ability to *assess* patient eligibility, diagnose ectopic pregnancies, and provide or facilitate emergency surgical intervention in the case of an incomplete abortion or severe bleeding. They did not need to have the ability to *treat* a patient, nor would they be obligated to treat them.
- Changing the wording of the follow-up visit requirement from “will” to “should.”
- Eliminating the requirement to report any adverse events, except for cases of death.¹⁶

January 20, 2017 – First Inauguration of President Donald Trump

April 7, 2017 – Neil Gorsuch Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Neil Gorsuch, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Trump, would later vote in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

2018 – Sage Lanza Sentenced to Prison After Sexually Assaulting Minors, Pressuring One to Have an Abortion

Sage Lanza pressured a 14-year-old Connecticut girl to have an abortion after she became pregnant through his sexual abuse. Lanza reportedly got a tattoo of the date when he and his father took the girl to a Planned Parenthood, where she was given abortion drugs that killed their two months gestation unborn child.¹⁷

May 18, 2018 – Sikander Imran Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

Sikander Imran of Virginia slipped abortion drugs into his girlfriend's tea, killing their 17 weeks gestation unborn baby boy after she refused to have an abortion. Imran was found guilty of fetal homicide and sentenced to three years in prison.¹⁸

October 6, 2018 – Brett Kavanaugh Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Brett Kavanaugh, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Trump, would later vote in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

October 9, 2018 – Manishkumar Patel Sentenced to Prison After Killing Two Unborn Children

Manishkumar Patel of Wisconsin slipped abortion drugs to his girlfriend on multiple occasions, killing two unborn children.¹⁹ He was found guilty of fetal homicide and sentenced to 22 years in prison. Patel skipped town for a decade before being arrested in New York in 2017.²⁰

April 11, 2019 – FDA Approves Generic Form of Mifepristone

The Trump-era FDA approved a generic version of mifepristone made by GenBioPro, indicating that the agency found this generic to be therapeutically equivalent to Mifeprex®, the brand-name drug. It was the first approval of a generic version of mifepristone.²¹

May 31, 2019 – Nevada Governor Signs Law Decriminalizing Abortions by Drug

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed SB 179 (Trust Nevada Women Act), which decriminalized abortion by drug and weakened informed consent protections.²²

May 27, 2020 – ACOG and ACLU Sue to Suspend the Enforcement of the Mifepristone REMS

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a lawsuit demanding that the FDA suspend the enforcement of the REMS for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.²³

July 13, 2020 – Federal Judge Suspends Enforcement of the Mifepristone REMS

A U.S. district judge for the District of Maryland granted a preliminary injunction suspending the REMS.²⁴

October 26, 2020 – Amy Coney Barrett Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Amy Coney Barrett, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Trump, would later vote in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

January 12, 2021 – U.S. Supreme Court Reinstates Mifepristone REMS

The Trump-era FDA appealed the injunction that suspended the mifepristone REMS, and the U.S. Supreme Court granted stay, reinstating the REMS. Notably, the decision focused on the FDA's authority, not the REMS' merits.²⁵

January 20, 2021 – Inauguration of President Joe Biden

April 12, 2021 – Biden Administration Weakens Safeguard Enforcement

The Biden administration declared that it would not enforce the FDA's in-person dispensing requirement for mifepristone during the COVID-19 pandemic.²⁶ This portion of the REMS was one of the few safeguards that the Obama administration had left intact after its 2016 overhaul.

April 26, 2021 – Montana Governor Signs In-Person Dispensing Law

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte signed HB 171 (Adopt the Montana Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act), which established a state protocol requiring in-person visits for prescribing and dispensing abortion drugs.²⁷

September 17, 2021 – Texas Governor Signs In-Person Dispensing Law

Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed Texas SB 4, which prohibits the distribution of abortion drugs by mail and requires that a physician dispensing an abortion drug first examine the woman in person.²⁸

December 16, 2021 – FDA Removes In-Person Dispensing Requirement

Weeks after the oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Biden-era FDA announced modifications to the mifepristone REMS, eliminating the requirement for in-person dispensing.²⁹

April 7, 2022 – Ketanji Brown Jackson Confirmed to U.S. Supreme Court

Ketanji Brown Jackson, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Biden, would later vote against overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

April 29, 2022 – Jeffrey Smith Sentenced to Prison After Attempting to Kill Unborn Child

Jeffrey Smith of Wisconsin spiked his girlfriend's water bottle with abortion drugs when she was 20 weeks pregnant. This occurred after she refused to have an abortion. Miraculously, she did not consume the drugs, and her child was born unharmed. Smith was found guilty of attempted first-degree intentional homicide of an unborn child and sentenced to five years in prison.³⁰

May 5, 2022 – Connecticut Governor Signs Nation's First Abortion Shield Law

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont signed HB 5414, the nation's first law shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³¹

June 24, 2022 – U.S. Supreme Court Overturns *Roe v. Wade*

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned its previous rulings in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992). In the opinion for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Justice Samuel Alito stated, "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."³² Following the Court's decision, protections for unborn children went into effect in numerous states.

June 28, 2022 - Nevada Executive Order Shields Abortionists

Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo issued an executive order shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³³

June 29, 2022 – Delaware Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Delaware Governor John Carney signed HB 455, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³⁴

July 1, 2022 – New Jersey Governor Signs Two Abortion Shield Laws

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed A-3975/S-2633 and A-3974/S-2642, which shield abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³⁵

July 12, 2022 – Pennsylvania Executive Order Shields Abortionists

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued an executive order shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³⁶

July 13, 2022 – Michigan Executive Order Shields Abortionists

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.³⁷

July 29, 2022 – Massachusetts Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed H.5090, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.³⁸

August 31, 2022 – Jagmeet Sandhu Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

Jagmeet Sandhu of California broke into his ex-girlfriend's home and held her at gunpoint, forcing her to consume abortion drugs that killed their 12 weeks gestation unborn child. She had broken up with Sandhu weeks prior, after he repeatedly pressured her to have an abortion.³⁹ Sandhu was sentenced to one year in jail.⁴⁰

September 28, 2022 – Alyona Dixon Dies

Alyona Dixon of Nevada was eight weeks pregnant when she took abortion drugs provided by a Planned Parenthood. She died of sepsis days later. Alyona was treated at an emergency center for symptoms including cramps and bleeding but was not given a pelvic exam or seen by an OB/GYN. Her husband filed a wrongful death lawsuit, accusing the hospital of negligence for failing to identify the symptoms of septic abortion.⁴¹

December 23, 2022 – DOJ Issues Opinion on the Comstock Act

The Comstock Act of 1873 is a federal statute that prohibits the mailing of “obscene or crime-inciting matter,” including any “article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine, or thing which is advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead another to use or apply it for producing abortion.”⁴²

The Biden-era U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued an opinion stating that the Comstock Act prohibitions cannot be enforced unless the sender knows the abortion drugs will be used unlawfully and federal authorities are specifically aware of this intent.⁴³ In other words, the Biden administration decided to enforce Comstock only in the narrowest of instances.

- Multiple sources have reported that abortionists in states where abortion is legal are mailing mifepristone to individuals in pro-life states. Estimates suggest that, by the end of 2023, approximately 8,000 prescriptions of mifepristone were being mailed each month from abortionists in pro-abortion states to people in pro-life states.⁴⁴

January 3, 2023 – FDA Allows Pharmacies to Dispense Mifepristone

The Biden-era FDA approved a modification to the REMS, allowing retail pharmacies to dispense mifepristone.⁴⁵

January 13, 2023 – Illinois Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed HB 4664, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁴⁶

February 23, 2023 – District of Columbia Abortion Shield Law Goes into Effect

After congressional review, D.C. Law 24-257 (Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022), which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws, went into effect.⁴⁷

March 22, 2023 – Hawaii Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Hawaii Governor Josh Green signed SB 1, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁴⁸

April 7, 2023 – Federal Judge Blocks Mifepristone REMS in Pro-Abortion States

A U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Washington ruled in favor of 17 pro-abortion states, including Washington state, that objected to the mifepristone REMS. Supporters of the decision noted that the REMS make it difficult for abortionists in pro-abortion states to offer abortions to out-of-state clients.⁴⁹

April 7, 2023 – Federal Judge Suspends FDA Approval of Mifepristone

On the same day as the REMS ruling in Washington state, a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Texas issued a competing ruling ordering the FDA to suspend its approval of mifepristone. The judge noted that the FDA had “acquiesced on its legitimate safety concerns.”⁵⁰

April 14, 2023 – Colorado Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed SB 23-188, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁵¹

April 21, 2023 – U.S. Supreme Court Grants Request to Keep Mifepristone Available Amid Appeals

The U.S. Supreme Court granted a Biden administration request to allow mifepristone to remain on the market while federal court rulings regarding the drug’s FDA approval go through the appeals process.⁵²

April 27, 2023 – Minnesota Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed HF 366 (Reproductive Freedom Defense Act), which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁵³

April 27, 2023 – Washington Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed HB 1469, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁵⁴

May 3, 2023 – Maryland Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Maryland Governor Wes Moore signed SB 859/HB 808, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁵⁵

May 8, 2023 – Filing of *Whole Women’s Health Alliance et al. v. FDA*

Abortionists in Virginia, Montana, and Kansas filed a lawsuit against the FDA in Charlottesville, Virginia, arguing that the mifepristone REMS are burdensome and arbitrary. The last oral arguments took place on May 19, 2025, and the district court has not made a ruling yet.⁵⁶

May 10, 2023 – Vermont Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed HB 89/SB 37, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws. Vermont's shield law was the first in the nation to explicitly protect access to abortion drugs if the FDA withdraws its approval of mifepristone.⁵⁷

May 30, 2023 – Nevada Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo signed SB 131, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. Lombardo had previously issued this policy via executive order.⁵⁸

June 1, 2023 – Haley Raborn Accused of Attempting to Kill Another Woman's Unborn Child

Haley Raborn of Florida admitted to purchasing abortion drugs online and attempting to coerce her ex-boyfriend to slip them to the mother of his unborn child without her knowledge or consent. The father received the drugs from Raborn and turned them in to law enforcement. Raborn was charged with attempted murder of an unborn child.⁵⁹

June 23, 2023 – Arizona Executive Order Shields Abortionists

Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs issued an executive order shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁶⁰

June 23, 2023 – New York Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed S.1066B/A.1709B, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁶¹

July 13, 2023 – Oregon Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek signed HB 2002, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁶²

September 27, 2023 – California Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 345, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁶³

November 3, 2023 – Missouri et al. File a Motion to Intervene in *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*

The states of Missouri, Kansas, and Idaho filed a Motion to Intervene in the case *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*. The states alleged that the approval and regulation of mifepristone violate the Administrative Procedure Act, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Comstock Act. After the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the original case on June 13, 2024, only the states' action remained live. Their case, *Missouri et al. v. FDA*, was later transferred to the Eastern District of Missouri.⁶⁴

February 7, 2024 – Mason Herring Sentenced to 180 Days in Prison After Attempting to Kill Unborn Child

Mason Herring of Texas began mixing abortion drugs into his pregnant wife Catherine's drinks amid a difficult time in their marriage. Catherine became suspicious after falling violently ill. She set up surveillance and discovered Mason mixing crushed pills into her juice. She also found abortion drugs in the trash. Mason received just 180 days in jail and 10 years of probation for injury to a child and assault of a pregnant person.⁶⁵ Their daughter, Josephine, miraculously survived but was born 10 weeks premature and required over three months in the hospital.⁶⁶

February 29, 2024 – Members of Congress Sign Amicus Brief in *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*

One hundred forty-five members of Congress signed an amicus brief challenging the FDA's approval of mifepristone and removal of the REMS, as well as supporting the enforcement of the Comstock Act. The brief was filed in the case of *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*.⁶⁷

March 2024 – New Data Shows Abortion Drugs Account for Majority of U.S. Abortions

Research from the Guttmacher Institute showed that abortion drugs accounted for 63 percent of U.S. abortions in 2023.⁶⁸

April 22, 2024 – Maine Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Maine Governor Janet Mills signed LD 227, which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁶⁹

May 28, 2024 – Robert Kawada Accused of Drugging Pregnant Girlfriend

Robert Kawada of Massachusetts slipped his girlfriend misoprostol under the guise of iron pills and vitamins, which killed their unborn child. Prosecutors found evidence that he purchased the drugs online. Kawada was charged with poisoning, assault, and battery.⁷⁰

June 13, 2024 – U.S. Supreme Court Issues Ruling in *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*

In *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, the U.S. Supreme Court considered whether the FDA's approval of mifepristone in 2016 and 2021 was "arbitrary and capricious."⁷¹ Notably, the Court did not take up an appeal to reconsider the FDA's initial approval of mifepristone. The Court ruled unanimously in favor of the FDA, deciding that the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine did not have the standing to challenge the regulation of mifepristone.⁷²

June 27, 2024 – Rhode Island Governor Signs Abortion Shield Law

Rhode Island Governor Dan McKee signed S 2262A/H 7577 (Healthcare Provider Shield Act), which shields abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws. This law also includes a telehealth provision to protect abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁷³

October 31, 2024 – Filing of *Birthmark Doula Collective v. State of Louisiana*

Birthmark Doula Collective filed a lawsuit against the state of Louisiana, challenging a Louisiana law that classifies mifepristone and misoprostol as controlled dangerous substances.⁷⁴

December 13, 2024 – Texas Attorney General Sues New York-Based Abortionist

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit against New York-based abortionist Margaret Carpenter, who mailed abortion drugs to a Texas resident in violation of state law. The resident experienced severe medical complications after taking the drugs.⁷⁵

January 7, 2025 – AAPLOG Submits Citizen Petition to FDA Regarding Miscarriage Management and Mifepristone

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) submitted a citizen petition asking the FDA to take specific actions if it adds miscarriage management as an approved use for mifepristone. These actions include establishing REMS that would prohibit telehealth, require an in-person follow-up appointment with an ultrasound, and require reporting of all adverse events.⁷⁶

January 16, 2025 – North Carolina Executive Order Shields Abortionists

North Carolina Governor Josh Stein issued an executive order shielding abortionists from out-of-state legal actions (*e.g.*, investigations and extradition requests) related to performing abortions on women from states with pro-life laws.⁷⁷

January 20, 2025 – Second Inauguration of President Donald Trump

January 29, 2025 – HHS Secretary Nominee Speaks on Mifepristone Regulation

During Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s confirmation hearing for the position of Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary, he stated that President Trump had asked him to “study the safety of mifepristone.” Kennedy noted that the president had “not yet taken a stand on how to regulate it,” adding, “Whatever he does, I will implement those policies.”⁷⁸

January 30, 2025 – ACOG Submits Citizen Petition to FDA Regarding Mifepristone REMS

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Society of Family Planning, and Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine submitted a citizen petition requesting that the FDA eliminate the mifepristone REMS.⁷⁹

January 31, 2025 – Louisiana Indicts New York-Based Abortionist

A Louisiana grand jury indicted New York-based abortionist Margaret Carpenter and a Louisiana woman for violating state law. Carpenter provided abortion drugs to the woman, who then coerced her minor pregnant daughter to undergo an abortion. The minor experienced severe bleeding that required emergency care.⁸⁰

February 3, 2025 – New York Allows Anonymous Prescription of Abortion Drugs

New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed S.36A/A.2145A, which enables abortionists to print the name of their practice on the labels of the abortion drugs they prescribe, rather than their own names, so they can maintain anonymity.⁸¹

February 11, 2025 – Louisiana Governor Signs Extradition Warrant for New York-Based Abortionist

Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry signed an extradition warrant for New York-based abortionist Margaret Carpenter.⁸² New York Governor Kathy Hochul rejected the request at a press conference two days later.⁸³

February 13, 2025 – Judge Fines New York-Based Abortionist for Mailing Abortion Drugs

New York-based abortionist Margaret Carpenter mailed abortion drugs to a woman in Texas, a state where unborn children are protected from abortion beginning at conception. The woman, who was around nine weeks pregnant, sought emergency medical care due to severe hemorrhaging.⁸⁴ A Texas judge ordered Carpenter to stop mailing the drugs and pay a fine of \$100,000 plus attorney's fees.⁸⁵ This ruling came after a lawsuit was filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

March 6, 2025 – FDA Commissioner Nominee Says He Will Review In-Person Dispensing Requirement

During his confirmation hearing for the position of FDA commissioner, Dr. Marty Makary stated that he would review whether the FDA should reimpose an in-person dispensing requirement for mifepristone.⁸⁶

April 24, 2025 – Colorado Adds Telehealth Provision to Shield Law

Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed SB 25-129, which added a telehealth provision to Colorado's existing shield law. This provision protects abortionists who mail abortion drugs to recipients in states with pro-life laws.⁸⁷

May 12, 2025 – Dr. James Brinkuff Submits Citizen Petition to FDA Calling for Suspension of Mifepristone Until Further Review

Dr. James Brinkuff submitted a citizen petition requesting the suspension of mifepristone until its safety can be reviewed. The petition also asked the FDA to study the use of mifepristone prescribed via telehealth and to reinstate requirements for in-person dispensing and follow-up.⁸⁸

May 14, 2025 – HHS Secretary Says FDA Will Review Mifepristone

HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee that he ordered FDA Commissioner Martin Makary to conduct a "complete review" of mifepristone regulations.⁸⁹

June 4, 2025 – Four State Attorneys General Submit Citizen Petition to FDA Requesting Removal of Mifepristone REMS

The attorneys general of four pro-abortion states—Massachusetts, California, New Jersey, and New York—submitted a citizen petition requesting that the FDA eliminate the mifepristone REMS.⁹⁰

June 6, 2025 – Justin Banta Accused of Killing Unborn Child

Justin Banta of Texas was accused of slipping abortion drugs into cookies and a drink that he gave to his girlfriend, killing their unborn child against her will. This occurred after she refused to have an abortion. Banta was charged with capital murder, marking the first time a murder charge has been brought in a Texas abortion case.⁹¹

June 9, 2025 – Montana Supreme Court Blocks Pro-Life Laws

Six of the seven justices on the Montana Supreme Court voted to strike down three pro-life laws, including the 2021 law requiring in-person dispensing of abortion drugs.⁹²

July 2, 2025 – GenBioPro Submits Citizen Petition to FDA Requesting No Additions to Mifepristone REMS

Abortion drug manufacturer GenBioPro submitted a citizen petition to the FDA requesting that no additional requirements be added to the current mifepristone REMS.⁹³

July 8, 2025 – Court Issues Ruling in *Washington et al. v. FDA*

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia filed a lawsuit against the FDA, arguing that the mifepristone REMS are burdensome and arbitrary. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington sided with the FDA, finding that the REMS were reasonable.⁹⁴

July 11, 2025 – David Coots Sentenced to Prison After Killing Unborn Child

David Coots, a nurse practitioner from Washington state, pleaded guilty to forcing his mistress, for whom he acted as a primary care provider, to have an abortion without her knowledge or consent. He did this by secretly inserting misoprostol during a sexual encounter. Coots obtained the misoprostol by prescribing the drug to himself. Coots was sentenced to one year and one day in prison and may not contact the victim for 10 years.⁹⁵

July 15, 2025 – Court Issues Ruling in *GenBioPro v. Raynes et al.*

Abortion drug manufacturer GenBioPro filed a lawsuit against state officials in West Virginia, arguing that the state's near-total pro-life protection law conflicted with federal drug regulations. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that West Virginia's health law related to abortion is not overridden by federal law and affirmed that states may continue enforcing pro-life laws, even when abortion drugs have received federal approval.⁹⁶

July 23, 2025 – Missouri Attorney General Sues Planned Parenthood

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood over the organization's false claims about the safety of mifepristone. The lawsuit seeks reimbursement for the state and for women in Missouri who were given mifepristone within the past five years. Additionally, the lawsuit asks for a court order to end Planned Parenthood's false advertisements about the drug.⁹⁷

July 28, 2025 – Texas Attorney General Files Petition in New York Abortionist Case

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a petition seeking a writ of mandamus after a New York County Clerk allegedly failed to authorize the collection of Texas' \$100,000 penalty against New York-based abortionist Margaret Carpenter.⁹⁸

August 7, 2025 – Massachusetts Allows Anonymous Prescription of Abortion Drugs

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey signed an updated shield law that allows Massachusetts abortionists to prescribe abortion drugs anonymously.⁹⁹

August 11, 2025 – Christopher Coopriider Accused of Killing Unborn Child

Christopher Coopriider of Texas was accused of slipping abortion drugs into hot chocolate, killing his eight weeks gestation unborn child against the mother's will. Coopriider reportedly obtained the drugs from Aid Access using a prescription in his own name. The child's mother, Liana Davis, has filed a lawsuit against Coopriider. Coopriider has countersued, claiming that he is innocent.¹⁰⁰

August 22, 2025 – Emerson Evans Accused of Killing Unborn Child

Emerson Evans of Illinois inserted abortion drugs into his girlfriend without her knowledge or consent, killing their seven weeks gestation unborn child. This occurred after his girlfriend refused to have an abortion. Evans stated that he purchased the abortion drugs for \$50 from "a girl on campus." Evans was charged with intentional homicide of an unborn child after telling police that he "made the decision for [his girlfriend]."¹⁰¹

August 22, 2025 – Illinois Governor Signs Law Protecting Drugs that Lose Their FDA Approval

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker signed HB 3637, which allows drugs that have lost their FDA approval for "political" reasons to still be legally prescribed in the state, as long as the World Health Organization continues to recognize them as safe.¹⁰²

September 19, 2025 – Louisiana Issues Arrest Warrant for California-Based Abortionist

Louisiana issued an arrest warrant for California-based abortionist Remy Coeytaux for mailing abortion drugs to a recipient in Louisiana, which is against state law. In 2023, Coeytaux mailed abortion drugs to Rosalie Markezich's abusive boyfriend, who coerced her into taking them, killing their unborn child.¹⁰³

September 26, 2025 – California Allows Anonymous Prescription of Abortion Drugs, Protects Mifepristone

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 260, which allows California abortionists to prescribe abortion drugs anonymously. Additionally, this law requires state-regulated health plans to cover mifepristone, regardless of the drug's FDA approval status.¹⁰⁴

September 30, 2025 - FDA Approves Second Generic Form of Mifepristone

The Trump-era FDA approved a generic version of mifepristone made by Evita Solutions, indicating that the agency found this generic to be therapeutically equivalent to Mifeprex®, the brand-name drug. This was the second generic approval, following GenBioPro's version that was approved in 2019.¹⁰⁵

October 30, 2025 – Court Issues Ruling in *Purcell et al. v. Kennedy et al.*

Pro-abortion plaintiffs challenged the mifepristone REMS, arguing that the drug was irrationally singled out for burdensome restrictions. The U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii questioned whether some of the permissive 2023 restrictions on mifepristone could be maintained. The FDA was instructed to justify certain safety requirements it had put in place.¹⁰⁶

November 5, 2025 – Hassan-James Abbas Accused of Drugging Girlfriend

Hassan-James Abbas, a surgical resident at the University of Toledo in Ohio, was accused of using his estranged wife's name to order abortion drugs from out of state and forcing his girlfriend to ingest the drugs against her will, killing their unborn child. Abbas reportedly interfered with his girlfriend's attempts to call 911, but she managed to escape and check in to a hospital, where she was charted as an assault victim. Abbas is facing criminal charges, and his medical license has been suspended.¹⁰⁷

November 17, 2025 – *GenBioPro v. FDA* Dismissed

Abortion drug manufacturer GenBioPro filed a lawsuit against the FDA to prevent other federal court rulings (namely *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*) from revoking the FDA's approval of mifepristone without following set procedures for drug approval suspension. However, the U.S. District Court for Maryland dismissed the case.¹⁰⁸

ENDNOTES

- 1 Mifeprex Approval Letter, U.S. Food and Drug Administration to Population Council, September 28, 2000, https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/appltr/2000/20687appltr.pdf.
- 2 “Full Prescribing Information – Mifeprex®,” Food and Drug Administration, last revised January 2023, accessed December 1, 2025, 1, https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2023/020687Orig1s026lbl.pdf.
- 3 U.S. Food and Drug Administration, “MIFEPREX™ (mifepristone) Tablets, 200 mg For Oral Administration Only,” 2000, accessed December 1, 2025, https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2000/20687lbl.htm.
- 4 *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine et al. v. FDA*, No. 2:22-cv-00223-z (N.D. Tex. Jan. 17, 2013), 2, 5, https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Alliance-Hippocratic-Medicine_2023.01.17_AMICUS-BRIEF-The-Chattanooga-National-Memorial-for-the-Unborn.pdf.
- 5 American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, “AAPLOG Files Citizen Petition on Mifepristone (Mifeprex) with FDA,” press release, August 21, 2002, <https://aaplog.org/aaplog-files-citizen-petition-on-mifepristone-mifeprex-with-fda/>.
- 6 “Holly Patterson,” Patient Safety Movement, accessed December 12, 2025, <https://psmf.org/story/holly-patterson/>.
- 7 Jennifer Muir, “Suit links death to ‘abortion pill,’” *Orange County Register*, October 7, 2005, <https://www.ocregister.com/2005/10/07/suit-links-death-to-abortion-pill/>.
- 8 “How Many Deaths Will It Take for the FDA to Suspend Sales of RU-486?” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Life Insight* 16, no. 4 (December 2005), 2, <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/ru-486/upload/How-Many-Deaths-Will-It-Take-for-the-FDA-to-Suspend-Sales-of-RU486.pdf>.
- 9 Maria L. La Ganga, “Abortion Pill Investigated in Four California Deaths,” *Los Angeles Times*, August 15, 2005, <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2005-aug-15-me-abortion15-story.html>.
- 10 U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “*Clostridium sordellii* Toxic Shock Syndrome After Medical Abortion with Mifepristone and Intravaginal Misoprostol --- United States and Canada, 2001—2005,” *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 54, no. 29 (July 29, 2005), 724, <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5429a3.htm>.
- 11 U.S. Government Accountability Office, “Information on Mifeprex Labeling Changes and Ongoing Monitoring Efforts,” report, March 2018, 8, <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-18-292.pdf>.
- 12 Michael Winter, “Fla. man gets prison for abortion-pill miscarriage,” *USA Today*, last updated January 27, 2014, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/01/27/florida-prison-abortion-pill-deception/4948947/>.
- 13 Marc Cota-Robles, “Restaurateur sentenced to 9 years in prison for 2009 miscarriage,” *KABC-TV* (Los Angeles, Calif.), January 30, 2016, <https://abc13.com/post/man-sentenced-for-inducing-labor-on-girlfriend-killing-unborn-baby/1180368/>.
- 14 “Man accused of killing fetus with ‘abortion pancake,’” *CBS News*, July 14, 2014, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/man-accused-of-killing-fetus-with-abortion-pancake/>.
- 15 Brian Dulle, “Kansas man gets nearly 10 years in prison in fetus’ death,” *KSNT-TV* (Topeka, Kan.), February 23, 2016, <https://www.ksnt.com/news/kansas-man-gets-nearly-10-years-in-prison-in-fetus-death/>.
- 16 U.S. Food and Drug Administration, “NDA 020687 MIFEPREX® (mifepristone) Tablets, 200 mg, Antiprogesterone Synthetic Steroid - Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS),” initial approval June 2011, last modified March 2016, accessed December 1, 2025, <https://www.fda.gov/media/164649/download?attachment>.
- 17 Alex Wood, “Man accused of getting Enfield girl, 14, pregnant,” *Journal Enquirer*, June 21, 2016, *quoted in* Carole Novielli, “Aiding Abusers: These seven sexual predators were helped by Planned Parenthood,” *Live Action*, June 4, 2018, <https://www.liveaction.org/news/aiding-abusers-sexual-predators-planned-parenthood>.
- 18 Mark Osborne, “Former doctor who slipped abortion drug into girlfriend’s tea sentenced to 3 years in prison,” *ABC News*, May 19, 2018, <https://abcnews.go.com/US/doctor-slipped-abortion-drug-girlfriends-tea-sentenced-years/story?id=55280357>.
- 19 The Associated Press, “Man allegedly slips girlfriend abortion drug,” *NBC News*, November 29, 2007, <https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna22032450>.
- 20 Brian Kerhin, “Court rejects appeal for man convicted of trying to induce girlfriend’s miscarriage,” *WLUK-TV* (Green Bay, Wis.), December 6, 2022, <https://fox11online.com/news/local/court-rejects-appeal-for-man-convicted-of-trying-to-induce-girlfriends-miscarriage-manishkumar-patel-spiking-drink-india-new-york-outagamie-county>.
- 21 “Questions and Answers on Mifepristone for Medical Termination of Pregnancy Through Ten Weeks Gestation,” U.S. Food and Drug Administration, last updated February 11, 2025, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/questions-and-answers-mifepristone-medical-termination-pregnancy-through-ten-weeks-gestation>.
- 22 The Associated Press, “Sisolak signs Nevada bill repealing abortion crime statute,” *KTNV-TV* (Las Vegas, Nev.), June 1, 2019, <https://www.ktnv.com/news/sisolak-signs-nevada-bill-repealing-abortion-crime-statute>.
- 23 “*American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration*,” American Civil Liberties Union, last updated February 12, 2021, <https://www.aclu.org/cases/american-college-obstetricians-and-gynecologists-v-us-food-and-drug-administration>.
- 24 Michael Kunzelman, “Judge: Women can get abortion pill without doctor visits,” *The Associated Press*, July 13, 2020, <https://apnews.com/article/819bdff2b93b4b305bc6d1037aa8c5de>.
- 25 *Food and Drug Administration v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*, 592 U.S. ____ (2021), https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/20a34_3f14.pdf.

- 26 @ACOGAction, X post, April 12, 2021, 9:27 pm, <https://x.com/ACOGAction/status/1381781110980501512/photo/2>.
- 27 Mary Margaret Olohan, "Montana Governor Signs Three Pro-Life Bills Into Law," *The Daily Caller*, April 26, 2021, <https://dailycaller.com/2021/04/26/pro-life-montana-governor-signs-abortion-ban/>.
- 28 Kevin Reynolds, "Texas law restricting access to abortion medications goes into effect Dec. 2 after governor signs bill," *The Texas Tribune*, September 24, 2021, <https://www.texastribune.org/2021/09/24/texas-abortion-medication-law-abbott/>.
- 29 "Questions and Answers on Mifepristone for Medical Termination of Pregnancy Through Ten Weeks Gestation," U.S. Food and Drug Administration, last reviewed February 11, 2025, accessed December 1, 2025, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/questions-and-answers-mifepristone-medical-termination-pregnancy-through-ten-weeks-gestation>.
- 30 Heather Poltrock, "Man convicted of drugging pregnant woman to cause miscarriage gets 5 years prison," *WSAW-TV* (Wausau, Wis.), April 29, 2022, <https://www.wsaw.com/2022/04/29/plea-deal-likely-man-charged-with-drugging-pregnant-woman-cause-miscarriage/>.
- 31 Veronica Stracqualursi and Paul LeBlanc, "Connecticut governor signs law protecting abortion seekers and providers from out-of-state lawsuits," *CNN*, May 5, 2022, <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/05/politics/connecticut-abortion-protection-law-out-of-state-lawsuits>.
- 32 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S. 215, 1 (2022), https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392_6j37.pdf.
- 33 Office of the Governor of Nevada, "Executive Order 2022-08 - Protecting Access to Reproductive Health Services in Nevada," June 28, 2022, https://gov.nv.gov/layouts/full_page.aspx?id=360658.
- 34 Amy Simonson, "Delaware governor signs bill expanding abortion access and provider protection," *CNN*, June 29, 2022, <https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/29/politics/delaware-governor-signs-abortion-access-law>.
- 35 State of New Jersey, "Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Protect Reproductive Health Care Providers and Out-of-State Residents Seeking Reproductive Services in New Jersey," press release, July 1, 2022, <https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2022/approved/20220113a.shtml>.
- 36 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, "Executive Order 2022-01 - Reproductive Health Care," July 12, 2022, <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/oa/documents/policies/eo/2022-01.pdf>.
- 37 State of Michigan, "Executive Order No. 2022-4 - Unavailability of Interstate Extradition," July 13, 2022, https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2022/07/13/file_attachments/2210705/E0%202022-4%20-%20Interstate%20Extradition%20%28with%20signature%29.pdf.
- 38 Senator Cindy Friedman, "Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care (H.5090)," accessed January 7, 2026, <https://cindyfriedman.org/expanding-protections-for-reproductive-and-gender-affirming-care-s-2996/>.
- 39 Jason Kotowski, "Man accused of forcing miscarriage pleads no contest to involuntary manslaughter," *KGET-TV* (Bakersfield, Calif.), August 3, 2022, <https://www.kget.com/news/crime-watch/jagmeet-sandhu-miscarriage-manslaughter-no-contest-bakersfield/>.
- 40 Kotowski, "I never even got the chance to listen to the heartbeat; Victim statement read at sentencing in forced miscarriage case," *KGET-TV* (Bakersfield, Calif.), August 31, 2022, last updated September 1, 2022, <https://www.kget.com/news/crime-watch/jagmeet-sandhu-forced-miscarriage-manslaughter-sala-bakersfield-sentencing/>.
- 41 Valerie Richardson, "Nevada woman's death after taking abortion pills spurs lawsuit, safety fears," *The Washington Times*, September 28, 2023, <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/sep/28/nevada-womans-death-after-taking-abortion-pills-sp/>.
- 42 18 U.S. Code § 1461.
- 43 Christopher H. Schroeder, "Application of the Comstock Act to the Mailing of Prescription Drugs That Can Be Used for Abortions," U.S. Department of Justice, opinion, December 23, 2022, https://www.justice.gov/d9/opinions/attachments/2023/01/03/2022-12-23_-_comstock_act_1.pdf.
- 44 Laura Ungar and Geoff Mulvihill, "Survey finds 8,000 women a month got abortion pills despite their states' bans or restrictions," *The Associated Press*, last updated May 14, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-pills-prescriptionmedication-survey-7cfe1b8e69c5de936360f2687cb410c4>.
- 45 Pam Belluck, "Abortion Pills Can Now Be Offered at Retail Pharmacies, F.D.A. Says," *The New York Times*, January 3, 2023, <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/03/health/abortion-pill-cvs-walgreens-pharmacies.html>.
- 46 Mitchell Armentrout, "Pritzker signs bill expanding abortion access in Illinois to help 'overwhelmed clinics,' and protecting patients and providers," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 13, 2023, <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/1/13/23554033/illinois-abortion-rights-law-pritzker-sign-roe-wade-dobbs-supreme-court-hb4664>.
- 47 Council of the District of Columbia, "D.C. Law 24-257. Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022," accessed January 7, 2026, <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/laws/24-257>.
- 48 Candace Cheung, "Hawaii governor signs bill to strengthen abortion protections," *Courthouse News Service*, March 22, 2023, <https://www.courthousenews.com/hawaii-governor-signs-bill-to-strengthen-abortion-protections/>.
- 49 Washinton State Office of the Attorney General, "Federal judge agrees with AG Ferguson, preserves access to medication abortion drug," news release, April 7, 2023, <https://www.atg.wa.gov/news/news-releases/federal-judge-agrees-ag-ferguson-preserves-access-medication-abortion-drug>.
- 50 Eleanor Klibanoff, "Federal judge in Texas suspends FDA approval of abortion pill," *The Texas Tribune*, April 7, 2023, <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/04/07/texas-abortion-drugs-fda-ruling/>.
- 51 Sara Wilson, "Colorado Gov. Polis signs 3 abortion-related protections into law," *Colorado Newsline*, April 14, 2023, <https://coloradonewsline.com/2023/04/14/colorado-polis-abortion-related-protections/>.
- 52 Amy Howe, "Court allows abortion pill to remain widely available while appeals proceed," SCOTUSblog, April 21, 2023, <https://www.scotusblog.com/2023/04/court-allows-abortion-pill-to-remain-widely-available-while-appeals-proceed/>.
- 53 Sydney Kashiwagi, "Minnesota governor signs bills further enshrining abortion, gender-affirming care into law," *CNN*, April 27, 2023, <https://www.cnn.com/2023/04/27/politics/minnesota-tim-walz-abortion-gender-affirming-care-conversion-therapy>.

- 54 Washington State Office of the Attorney General, “Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care: Shielding Providers, Seekers, and Helpers from Out-of-State Legal Actions,” flyer, last updated December 16, 2025, <https://www.atg.wa.gov/reproductive-and-gender-affirming-care-shielding-providers-seekers-and-helpers-out-state-legal>.
- 55 Danielle J. Brown, “Moore declares Maryland a ‘safe haven’ for abortion access; approves protections for trans health care,” *Maryland Matters*, May 3, 2023, <https://marylandmatters.org/2023/05/03/moore-declares-maryland-a-safe-haven-for-abortion-access-approves-protections-for-trans-health-care/>.
- 56 “The Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker,” 6.
- 57 Lisa Rathke, “Vermont governor signs 1st-in-nation shield bills that explicitly include medicated abortion,” *The Associated Press*, May 10, 2023, <https://apnews.com/article/vermont-abortion-drug-shield-bills-6610b6ddf8e68c2a467c40787d8be0c>.
- 58 Adam Edelman, “Nevada governor signs new abortion protections into law,” *NBC News*, May 31, 2023, <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/nevada-gop-governor-signs-new-abortion-protections-law-rcna87022>.
- 59 “HCSO: Woman accused of trying to get father of unborn child to give abortion pill to pregnant mother,” *FOX 13 WTVT* (Tampa Bay, Fla.), June 2, 2023, <https://www.fox13news.com/news/hcso-woman-tries-to-pay-father-to-kill-his-unborn-child-with-airpods>.
- 60 Office of the Arizona Governor, “Governor Katie Hobbs Signs Executive Order Protecting Reproductive Freedom in Arizona,” news release, June 26, 2023, <https://azgovernor.gov/office-arizona-governor/news/2023/06/governor-katie-hobbs-signs-executive-order-protecting>.
- 61 Kate Lisa, “Hochul signs law to protect abortion providers using telemedicine,” *State of Politics*, June 23, 2023, <https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/politics/2023/06/23/hochul-signs-law-to-protect-abortion-providers-using-telemedicine>.
- 62 “Kotek signs controversial abortion, gender care, ghost gun bills into law,” *KPTV* (Salem, Ore.), July 13, 2023, <https://www.kptv.com/2023/07/13/kotek-signs-controversial-abortion-ghost-gun-bills-into-law/>.
- 63 American Health Law Association, “SB 345: California’s Abortion Shield Law and the Potential Impact on Medication Abortion Access Nationwide,” *Heath Law Weekly*, September 29, 2023, <https://www.americanhealthlaw.org/content-library/health-law-weekly/article/cfeb23f-5083-42f7-aa64-f76629905a5d/sb-345-california-s-abortion-shield-law-and-the-po>.
- 64 “State of Missouri et al. v. Food and Drug Administration et al.,” O’Neill Institute Health Care Litigation Tracker, last updated December 29, 2025, <https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/litigation/alliance-for-hippocratic-medicine-et-al-v-u-s-food-and-drug-administration-et-al/>.
- 65 Minnyonne Burke, “Texas attorney who poisoned pregnant wife with abortion medication sentenced to 180 days in jail,” *NBC News*, February 9, 2024, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/-attorney-poisoned-pregnant-wife-abortion-medication-sentenced-18-rcna138065>.
- 66 Christine Pelisek, “How a Pregnant Texas Woman Caught Her Husband Drugging Her Drinks Trying to Induce an Abortion,” *People*, March 7, 2024, <https://people.com/texas-woman-caught-husband-drugging-drinks-try-induce-abortion-8606001>.
- 67 Brief Amicus Curiae of 145 Members of Congress in Support of Respondents and Affirmance, *U.S. Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine Et Al., Danco Laboratories, L.L.C., v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine Et Al.*, February 29, 2024, https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/23/23-235/301819/20240229110746147_23-235%20Amicus%20Brief%20of%20145%20Members%20of%20Congress%20in%20Support%20of%20Respondents%20and%20Affirmance.pdf.
- 68 Rachel K. Jones and Amy Friedrich-Karnik, “Medication Abortion Accounted for 63% of All US Abortions in 2023—An Increase from 53% in 2020,” Guttmacher Institute, policy analysis, March 2024, <https://www.guttmacher.org/2024/03/medication-abortion-accounted-63-all-us-abortions-2023-increase-53-2020>.
- 69 State of Maine, H.P. 148 - L.D. 227, An Act Regarding Legally Protected Health Care Activity in the State, approved April 22, 2024, <https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=107326>.
- 70 Christina Hager, “Massachusetts man accused of secretly giving girlfriend abortion pill to end pregnancy,” *CBS News*, last updated May 29, 2024, <https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/abortion-pill-misoprostol-boyfriend-arrested-pregnant-girlfriend/>.
- 71 “Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine,” Oyez, accessed January 7, 2026, <https://www.oyez.org/cases/2023/23-235>.
- 72 *FDA v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, 602 U.S. ____ (2024), <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/602/23-235/>.
- 73 State of Rhode Island General Assembly, “Health Care Provider Shield Act is signed into law,” press release, June 27, 2024, https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/23/23-235/301819/20240229110746147_23-235%20Amicus%20Brief%20of%20145%20Members%20of%20Congress%20in%20Support%20of%20Respondents%20and%20Affirmance.pdf.
- 74 “Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker,” 8-9.
- 75 Office of the Texas Attorney General, “Attorney General Ken Paxton Sues Activist New York Doctor for Illegally Providing Abortion Drugs Across State Lines,” press release, December 13, 2024, <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/attorney-general-ken-paxton-sues-activist-new-york-doctor-illegally-providing-abortion-drugs-across>.
- 76 Citizen Petition, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists to FDA, Docket No. FDA-2025-P-0102-0001, submitted January 7, 2025, available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2025-P-0102-0001>.
- 77 Office of the North Carolina Governor, “Executive Order No. 8 Reproductive Rights,” January 16, 2025, <https://governor.nc.gov/executive-order-no-8-reproductive-rights>.
- 78 “Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker,” 15.

- 79 Citizen Petition, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists et al. to FDA, Docket No. FDA-2025-P-0377-0001, submitted January 30, 2025, available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2025-P-0377-0001>.
- 80 Carter Sherman, “New York doctor indicted in Louisiana over alleged abortion pill prescription,” *The Guardian*, January 31, 2025, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/31/new-york-louisiana-abortion-pill-charges>; Bridget Sielicki, “New York will allow doctors to anonymously prescribe abortion pills,” *Live Action*, February 4, 2025, last updated February 13, 2025, <https://www.liveaction.org/news/new-york-anonymous-abortion-pills/>.
- 81 Office of the New York Governor, “Protecting Reproductive Freedom: Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Affirming New York’s Status as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Care,” press release, February 3, 2025, <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/protecting-reproductive-freedom-governor-hochul-signs-legislation-affirming-new-yorks-status>.
- 82 Office of the Louisiana Governor, “Governor Jeff Landry Signs Extradition Warrant for New York Doctor,” press release, February 13, 2025, <https://gov.louisiana.gov/news/4764>.
- 83 Chloe Atkins and Fallon Gallagher, “New York governor rejects Louisiana’s extradition request for doctor in abortion pill case,” *NBC News*, February 13, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ny-gov-hochul-rejects-louisiana-extradition-doctor-abortion-pill-case-rcna192156>.
- 84 Cassy Cooke, “Individuals sending abortion pills to pro-life states are praised, as women and children are harmed,” *Live Action*, February 8, 2025, last updated February 13, 2025, <https://www.liveaction.org/news/abortion-pills-pro-life-states-women-children-harmed>.
- 85 Anthony Izaguirre and Jamie Stengle, “Texas judge fines New York doctor for prescribing abortion pills to a woman near Dallas,” *The Associated Press*, last updated February 13, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-new-york-louisiana-b9d6a0c821fc444a609cf5cde70efaaa>.
- 86 Berkeley Lovelace Jr., “Trump’s FDA pick says he’ll review whether abortion pill must be dispensed in person again,” *NBC News*, March 6, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/trumps-fda-pick-says-review-whether-abortion-pill-must-dispensed-person-rcna195156>.
- 87 Sara Wilson, “Gov. Polis signs duo of Colorado reproductive rights bills into law,” *Colorado Newswire*, April 24, 2025, <https://coloradonewsline.com/briefs/polis-colorado-reproductive-rights-bills/>.
- 88 Citizen Petition, James Brinkruff to FDA, Docket No. FDA-2025-P-1242-0001, submitted May 12, 2025, available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2025-P-1242-0001>.
- 89 U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, “Hearing on Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Budget,” May 14, 2025, <https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/hearing-on-fiscal-year-2026-department-of-health-and-human-services-budget>.
- 90 Citizen Petition, Attorney General of Massachusetts, et al. to FDA, Docket No. FDA-2025-P-1576-0001, submitted June 4, 2025, available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2025-P-1576-0001>.
- 91 Saleen Martin, “DOJ worker accused of drugging girlfriend to abort her child, officials say,” *USA Today*, last updated June 11, 2025, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/06/11/doj-worker-abortion-drug-woman/84150535007/>.
- 92 State of Montana, “Governor Gianforte Statement on Activist Justices’ Decision to Harm Mothers and Babies,” press release, June 9, 2025, <https://news.mt.gov/Governors-Office/Governor-Gianforte-Statement-on-Activist-Justices-Decision-to-Harm-Mothers-and-Babies>.
- 93 Citizen Petition, GenBioPro, Inc. to FDA, Docket No. FDA-2025-P-2162-0001, submitted July 2, 2025, available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2025-P-2162-0001>.
- 94 “The Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker,” 6-7.
- 95 Puneet Bsanti, “‘Most manipulative man.’ Ex-WA medical worker guilty in abortion-pill case,” *The News Tribune*, July 11, 2025, last updated July 15, 2025, <https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article310406320.html>.
- 96 “Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker,” 7.
- 97 Jacob Richey, “Missouri AG sues Planned Parenthood, claims it misled patients over safety of abortion pill,” *Missouri Independent*, July 24, 2025, <https://missouriindependent.com/briefs/missouri-ag-sues-planned-parenthood-claims-it-misled-patients-over-safety-of-abortion-pill/>.
- 98 Office of the Texas Attorney General, “Attorney General Ken Paxton Takes Legal Action Against New York County Clerk Stopping Radical Abortionist from Facing Justice,” press release, July 28, 2025, <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/attorney-general-ken-paxton-takes-legal-action-against-new-york-county-clerk-stopping-radical>.
- 99 State of Massachusetts, “Governor Healey Signs Updated Shield Law Strengthening Protections for Health Care Providers and Patients,” press release, August 7, 2025, <https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-signs-updated-shield-law-strengthening-protections-for-health-care-providers-and-patients>.
- 100 Elizabeth Russell, “Marine spiked Texas woman’s drink with abortion pills, lawsuit says,” *WORLD*, August 13, 2025, <https://wng.org/sift/marine-spiked-womans-drink-with-abortion-pills-lawsuit-says-1755107218>; Russell, “Marine accused of abortion-drug drink spiking files countersuit,” *WORLD*, September 5, 2025, <https://wng.org/sift/marine-accused-of-abortion-drug-drink-spiking-files-countersuit-1757105333>.
- 101 Howard Packowitz, “Man charged in Bloomington with homicide of unborn child,” *WEEK-TV* (East Peoria, Ill.), August 23, 2025, <https://www.25newsnow.com/2025/08/23/man-charged-bloomington-with-homicide-unborn-child/>.
- 102 Illinois Academy of Physician Associates, “Governor Signs Groundbreaking Shield Law Expansion, Protecting PAs and Advancing Maternal Health,” press release, August 22, 2025, <https://www.illinoispa.org/news/governor-signs-groundbreaking-shield-law-expansion-protecting-pas-and-advancing-maternal-health>.

- 103 Sara Cline and Geoff Mulvihill, "Louisiana issues a warrant to arrest California doctor accused of mailing abortion pills," *The Associated Press*, last updated September 29, 2025, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-pills-arrest-warrant-doctor-louisiana-california-c7147b3147cc75e764607b49c52e6644>.
- 104 Office of the California Governor, "Governor Newsom signs new landmark laws to protect reproductive freedom, patient privacy amid Trump's war on women," press release, September 26, 2025, <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/09/26/governor-newsom-signs-new-landmark-laws-to-protect-reproductive-freedom-patient-privacy-amid-trumps-war-on-women/>.
- 105 Aria Bendix and Sahil Kapur, "FDA quietly approved a generic abortion pill ahead of shutdown," *NBC News*, October 2, 2025, last updated October 3, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/womens-health/fda-approves-generic-abortion-pill-mifepristone-rcna235265>.
- 106 "Purcell et al. v. Kennedy et al.," O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center, last updated December 27, 2025, <https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/litigation/purcell-v-bercerra-et-al/>.
- 107 "Suspended Toledo doctor indicted after allegedly forcing abortion drugs on girlfriend against her will," *WTVG* (Toledo, Ohio), November 11, 2025, last updated December 19, 2025, <https://www.13abc.com/2025/11/11/medical-board-suspends-toledo-doctors-license-over-claims-he-forced-abortion-drugs-girlfriend/>.
- 108 "Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker," 9-10.

