Policy and clinical contexts of abortion access

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Youth Abortion Study

- Explore young people’s access to and experiences with medication abortion
- Describe the role of structural factors, i.e., PI requirements, in medication abortion access and use
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• Qualitative interviews
• Young people who had or considered abortion between 13-17 years old & 18-22 years old
• 25-30 interviews in 4 states

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• No parental involvement law

• State Medicaid covers abortion care
• Parental notification required

• State Medicaid does not cover abortion care
• **Parental notification required**
  (until 7/2022)

• **State Medicaid covers abortion care**
• Parental consent required

• State Medicaid does *not* cover abortion care

• No access to abortion after 6 weeks (since 9/2021)
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- 27 Colorado interviews completed, need 4 more!
- 3 California completed interviews
- Start Texas this month
Thanks!
Advanced practice clinicians (APCs)

Stratified random sample of APCs in Colorado (2018–19)

Reproductive health knowledge, attitudes, and practices

N=513 (response rate 21%)
• 12% of APCs aware they can legally provide abortion

• 45% are interested or possibly interested in medication abortion

• 31% are interested or possibly interested in aspiration abortion
• 48% of APCs are willing & able to provide pregnancy options counseling

• Lack of knowledge main reason for unwillingness & inability to counsel

• 31% refer to crisis pregnancy centers