



## CHANGES TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LAWS AND ACCESS TO ABORTION IN OHIO

→ Friday June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that the constitution does not provide a right to an abortion.

→ With the Court ruling, the right to access an abortion falls to the states' laws on the issue.

→ Ohio enacted a bill changing abortion laws as soon as this decision from the Supreme Court was made: Senate Bill 23, or the "Heartbeat Bill," which prohibits abortions after the point where a heartbeat can be detected by an OB-GYN (fetal heartbeat is typically found at 6 weeks gestation, or two weeks after a missed period.)

→ The only case where the abortion would be permitted after 6 weeks in Ohio is in "medical emergency" which is defined as "a condition that in the physician's good faith medical judgment, based upon the facts known to the physician at that time, so complicates the woman's pregnancy as to necessitate the immediate performance or inducement of an abortion in order to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to avoid a serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman that delay in the performance or inducement of the abortion would create"

→ The law includes no right to abortion for people who have become pregnant due to rape or incest.

### RESOURCE LINKS

→ [Ohio Senate Bill 23](#)

→ [Information on birth control options](#)

→ [Information on Abortion Pill Access](#)

→ [HIPAA Privacy Rule and Disclosures of Information Relating to Reproductive Health Care](#)

→ [Protecting the Privacy and Security of Your Health Information When Using Your Personal Cell Phone or Tablet](#)

The Central Ohio Pathways HUB remains dedicated to providing the most up to date information for our CHWs to share with their clients. If there further changes to the law regarding abortion and other reproductive health issues, we will share with our CCA's, CHWs and supervisors in a timely fashion.

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