



Banned State Abortion Fund

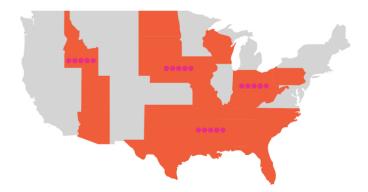
The Abortion Coalition for Telemedicine (ACT) supports clinicians who make safe, timely, and affordable telemedicine abortion available and accessible to people anywhere in the United States, no matter their state. We advocate for and implement laws that legally protect clinicians who provide medication abortion via telemedicine, especially to patients in abortion-hostile states.

We are now launching the ACT Fund to help cover the costs of legal, provider-supported medication abortion via telemedicine for people living in states with severe abortion restrictions or bans.

We give block grants - funded by foundations and individual donors - to medical providers operating in shield states who are providing reduced-cost and/or no-fee telemedicine abortion to women and pregnant people living in states with severe restrictions and bans.

58% of women in the United States live in a state that is hostile to abortion.

These are women and pregnant people who can't get an abortion from their local provider because it is banned, severely restricted or out of reach. And for many of them, traveling out of state is just not an option - they don't have the funds, they have children or family they are caring for, or are at risk of losing their job if they take time off. Some women simply don't want to travel.



The solution: licensed medical providers in states with shield laws are offering effective, safe medication abortion accessed via telemedicine.

The Fund helps to cover the \$150 cost for those women and pregnant people who can't otherwise afford medication abortion via telemedicine.

2024 Pilot Plan



Fund abortions for women in banned or severely restricted states

Monthly grants will be made starting in February 2024 to telemedicine abortion providers operating in shield states who are serving women and pregnant people in at least 5 of the most restrictive states where geographic and resource challenges are greatest.



Identify a sustainable model

We will gather data from the pilot, and engage abortion funds and supporting organizations in these banned and restricted states to find the best long-term model to provide resources and cover abortion costs.



Build trust and counter misinformation

We will work with trusted messengers in marginalized communities to inform how ACT operates the fund and creates greater access to telemedicine abortion for low-income patients, counters misinformation about safety and efficacy, makes patient information available in multiple languages, and receives feedback about patient experience.

Get Involved

The Fund is a part of ACT's comprehensive support for clinicians stepping up to provide telemedicine care for patients in abortion-hostile states, including legal services, technical assistance, and guidance. **You can donate to this critical work at:** https://bit.ly/DonateACTGroup.

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