**INTERSECTION OF STATE ABORTION POLICY AND CLINICAL PRACTICE**

9 of 10 Reported Abortions in the US Are in the First Trimester and the Abortion Rate Has Decreased

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27 States Require Waiting Periods Before a Woman May Obtain an Abortion

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**Many States Require Women to Be Counseled on Topics Lacking Medical Consensus or Evidence**

- State policy requires clinicians or staff to tell women seeking abortion that...
  - Abortion raises the risk of breast cancer
    - AK, KS, MS, OK, TX
  - Abortion may cause fetal pain
    - AK, AR, GA, IN, KS, LA, MN, MO, OK, SD, TX, UT
  - Personhood begins at conception
    - IN, KS, ND, MI, OK, SD

**Half of States Limit ACA or Private Insurance Coverage of Abortions**

Some states ban coverage in all cases. Other states allow coverage in cases of rape, incest, or life threat.

- Private and ACA marketplace restrictions
- No private insurance restrictions
- ACA marketplace restrictions

**Many States Impose Jail Time for Physicians Who Perform Abortions Past Gestational Limits**

Gestational limits and exceptions vary by state

- Jail sentence for abortions 20–22 weeks past last menstrual period (LMP)
- Jail sentence for abortions 24 weeks past LMP to third trimester

**Many States Have Specific Requirements for Clinics and Physicians Who Provide Medication Abortions**

- Of the 1.1 million abortions in 2011, 23% were medication abortions.
  - 2 States
    - Patient must be counseled that abortion may be reversed despite lack of medical evidence
  - 18 States
    - Clinician must be present while patient takes abortion pill
  - 37 States
    - Licensed physician must dispense abortion pill

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