

Improving Access to Abortion Care in Ohio Through Telehealth

What is telehealth abortion?

A telehealth abortion involves a virtual consultation with a healthcare provider and abortion medications mailed to the patient at home. **It is just as safe as in-clinic abortion care.**

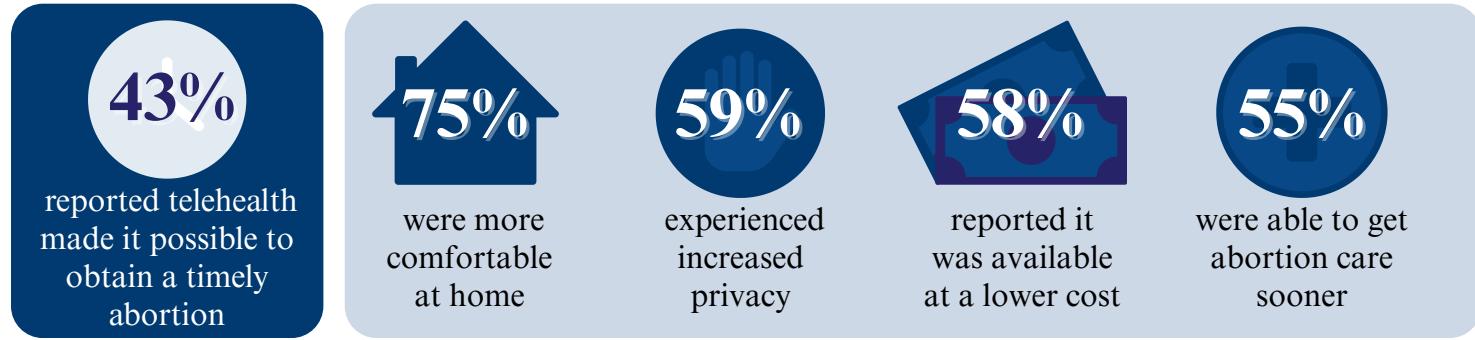
Telehealth abortion:

- Allows patients to avoid the cost and delays of traveling for abortion care
- Increases access for the people who generally experience the most barriers to care, including those living in rural areas and those with low incomes
- Improves care process for patients by shortening wait times, as well as increasing privacy and convenience

Barriers to abortion care in Ohio

- Ohio lost nearly half its abortion clinics since 2011, and the remaining clinics are struggling to support both Ohio patients and people traveling into the state for care from places with abortion bans or strict limits.
- An Ohio court temporarily blocked enforcement of Ohio's law restricting the use of telehealth to provide abortion care. This law restricted telehealth abortion by requiring medically unnecessary in-person visits for medication abortion (Ohio Rev. Code 2919.124(B)). **This requirement is not based in medical evidence.**
- Ohio's elected officials continue to pursue anti-abortion measures that may impact telehealth provision each legislative cycle.

The CHAT study asked 1,600 patients across the U.S. about their experiences using telehealth for abortion:



CALL TO ACTION

Permanently repealing Ohio's statute that restricts telehealth abortion can help people access abortions earlier in their pregnancies and reduce overall care-related costs.

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