

# Improving Access to Abortion Care in Wisconsin 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.

### Telehealth abortion:

- Allows patients to avoid the cost and delays of traveling for abortion care
- Reduces wait times, which helps women get their abortions earlier
- Increases access for low-income and rural residents
- Offers privacy and convenience by providing discreet care
- Is as safe as in-clinic abortion care

### What patients say about telehealth abortion:

“[Telehealth care] is half the price of abortions where I live.”

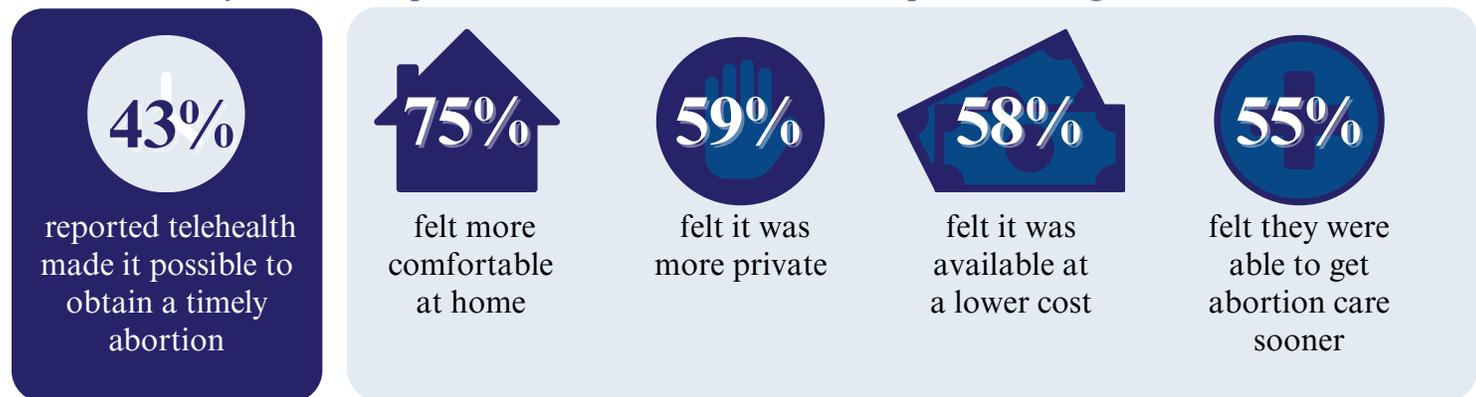
“Talking to a doctor virtually allowed me to be seen almost immediately, so I could get all of this taken care of as quickly as possible.”

“The privacy and convenience of the online abortion service are so much better.”

## Barriers to abortion care in Wisconsin

- **82%** of Wisconsin women of reproductive age live in a county that lacks a provider of abortion care
- **Wisconsin law prohibits telehealth abortion** by imposing medically unnecessary requirements for in-person visits (Statute 253.105) and ultrasounds (Statute 253.10)
- These requirements are not based in medical evidence

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



**BOTTOM LINE**  
Removing Wisconsin’s laws that prohibit telehealth abortion and mandate ultrasounds would help women get abortions sooner and reduce costs.

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