



Abortion Care Awareness Act of 2022

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The **Abortion Care Awareness Act of 2022** directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a federal public health, education, awareness, and outreach campaign to enhance access to abortion and related health services and provide accurate information about where and how to obtain those services across the country.

Since the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* striking down the constitutional right to an abortion that was established nearly 50 years ago in *Roe v. Wade*, abortion has been banned in over a dozen states and access is directly threatened in many more. The millions of women of reproductive age who live in these states may now be forced to travel—sometimes hundreds of miles—to seek abortion care. The rapidly changing status of state restrictions creates confusion that impedes patients from obtaining the abortion care they need and facilitates the spread of misinformation intended to intimidate or mislead people seeking abortions.

Every person seeking an abortion—including those in states with bans and severe restrictions—should have access to accurate information and resources when making decisions about their health care. The **Abortion Care Awareness Act** directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a coordinated national public health education, awareness, and outreach campaign to provide accurate information regarding where and how to access abortion care, the right to travel across state lines to access abortion care, how to identify misinformation about abortion, and more. The campaign would be designed in consultation with health care professionals, nonprofit reproductive rights and justice organizations, state and local health departments, and other experts.