



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-123

EXPANDING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the right to reproductive health care services is essential to a woman's autonomy, dignity, and equality in our society;

WHEREAS, New Mexicans deserve access to the respect, information, and resources they need to make their own personal healthcare decisions and decide what is best for themselves and their families;

WHEREAS, New Mexicans need and deserve access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including family planning, prenatal care, labor and delivery, postpartum care and support, lactation counseling and support, abortion, and appropriate medical management of miscarriage and pregnancy loss;

WHEREAS, abortion is an essential part of reproductive healthcare and must remain legal, safe, and accessible;

WHEREAS, New Mexico has recently implemented additional measures to protect reproductive rights and access to reproductive health care services such as repealing an antiquated state statute criminalizing abortion;

WHEREAS, I have also issued Executive Order 2022-107 to protect access to reproductive health care services in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, unfortunately, many of our neighboring states have adopted laws that drastically limit or prohibit access to abortion and other reproductive health care services following

the United States Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned almost 50 years of precedent regarding the federal right to reproductive health care services;

WHEREAS, these efforts to restrict access to reproductive health care services from other States may lead more individuals to seek services from New Mexico health care providers;

WHEREAS, we remain steadfast in our values and are proud of New Mexico's commitment to ensure that this healthcare remains safe and legal for all people; at the same time, we must work to protect and expand the availability of these services to address the demands on our system and ensure that our communities continue to have access to the care they need;

WHEREAS, many communities in our State do not currently have adequate access to reproductive health care services; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to expanding access to these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall designate \$10 million of the Executive's capital allocation for the upcoming 2023 legislative session for the purpose of developing a new clinic that provides a full spectrum of patient-centered, community-informed reproductive healthcare, including abortion, in Dona Ana County;

2. The Department of Health shall:

a. develop a detailed plan to leverage State resources to expand access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, in underserved areas of the State;

b. assess the feasibility of the provision of medication abortion in public health

clinics overseen by the Department; and

c. review and evaluate the effectiveness of actions taken or being considered by other states to increase access to abortion and decrease wait times.

3. The Human Services Department shall, as soon as practicable, develop policies and take action to improve the efficiency and sustainability of access to reproductive health services.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 2022

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

