



Pro-Life Legislation 2021

Health Care, Equal Access and Shortage **(Maryland Nondiscrimination in Health Care Coverage Act)**

What the Bill Does: This bill protects patients during medical crisis or scarcity from having life-sustaining care withheld or withdrawn at the discretion of healthcare providers or healthcare institutions based on the belief that a patient's quality of life is not worth continuing care or not worth the cost of care, despite the wishes of the patient or patient families.

Why We Need It: Physical and mental disabilities, age or chronic illness should in no way diminish a person's right to life, human dignity and equal access to medical care. Quality health care must not be deprived or curtailed as part of a medical crisis standard of care or related triage protocols. Reduced standards of care as a result of emergency executive orders must not become permanent law.

The Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol

What the Bill Does: This bill protects the health and welfare of every woman considering a drug-induced abortion. It ensures that a physician examines a woman prior to dispensing an abortion-inducing drug; that a physician does not prescribe or dispense such drug beyond 70 days gestation; and reduce the risk that a woman may elect an abortion, only to discover later, with devastating psychological consequences, that her decision was not fully informed. This bill ensures that women considering a drug-induced abortion receive comprehensive information on abortion -inducing drugs, including the potential to reverse the effects of the drugs, should she change her mind, and that women submitting to an abortion does so only after giving her voluntary and fully informed consent to the procedure.

Why We Need It: Chemical abortion pills are 4 times more dangerous than surgical abortion. That is why the FDA has put important safeguards in place. But now those safeguards are in jeopardy. In their agenda to broadly expand abortion, the Biden administration has vowed to remove current FDA requirements that protect women and children.