

PATIENT ALERT

New Arizona Abortion Law

April 10, 2024

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court voted to overturn Roe vs Wade, which eliminates the federal constitutional right to abortion established in 1973.

On April 9, 2024, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled to uphold ARS 13-3603. This law, which originated in 1864 prior to Arizona becoming a state, explicitly bans abortion except to save the mother's life. It also subjects anyone helping to provide an abortion to a mandatory prison sentence of 2-5 years.

What does this mean for our patients?

- Patients will be unable to obtain an abortion in Arizona.
- Gila River Health Care Women's Health Department does not provide abortion services.
- We do provide treatment for ectopic pregnancies, missed abortions (miscarriages), and fetal demise. Treatment may be medication and/or surgery.
- We will continue to provide compassionate, supportive, non-judgmental counseling regarding pregnancy options, including abortion, adoption, and continuing pregnancy with prenatal care.
- Contraception, including emergency contraception such as Plan B and Ella, along with long-term reversal contraception such as intrauterine devices and subdermal implants, remain available to our patients.
- Patients inquiring about abortion options may be referred to www.abortionfinder.org for help locating a center that offers these services.

**Please contact Gila River Health Care Women's Health with any additional questions
602-528-1400.**