



The North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and the North Carolina Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives together affirm the following:

Abortion is part of comprehensive reproductive health care. Putting arbitrary restrictions on the provision of care only serves to prevent people from accessing the health care they need, endangering their lives and the wellbeing of their families. Every individual has the right to safe, supportive, and affirming health care, centered on providers' respect for human dignity.¹

Access to abortion services is a part of comprehensive health care which includes family planning, prenatal care and post-natal care.² Legislation which creates barriers to care between health care providers and patients results in not only undue burden but has the potential to cause harm.³

Together we affirm the positions of our national societies, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Nurse-Midwives, as well as the North Carolina Medical Society and the NC Academy of Family Physicians, which emphasize that reproductive decisions should be made between patients and their health care providers.

1. American College of Nurse-Midwives. Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements. <http://www.midwife.org/ACNM/files/ACNMLibraryData/UPLOADFILENAME/00000000293/Code-of-Ethics-w-Explanatory-Statements-June-2015.pdf> . Approved June 2015. Accessed April 19, 2021.

2. Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care, NCMS 2023

3. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Abortion Policy 2022