

Action Alert

WOMEN'S HEALTH

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LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS FEBRUARY 15!

Just a quick reminder, the online public comment period is still underway for the clinic regulations. You can [access the online town hall here](#). The Board of Health needs to hear from you by Wednesday February 15.

Here are some talking points to help you with your comments:

Politically-motivated regulations that make it more difficult for health centers to provide high quality health care only make it harder for women and couples to access critical reproductive health care services, including life-saving cancer screenings, family planning, STI testing and treatment, and continued safe, legal abortion care.

The regulations - specifically the time and resources required to physically alter health centers for no medical reason - are likely to increase financial barriers/hurdles for patients as well as reduce women's ability to find a health care provider.

At a time when women need more access to affordable, high quality health care, not less, we're disappointed to see politics as usual by your administration. Low-income women and rural women will have even less access to safe abortion care and family planning services.

A medical expert panel of statewide OBGYNs recommended differentiating medical and surgical abortion in relation to the regulations as well as grandfathering in the existing clinics for the architectural requirements. We suggest we go with these original recommendations that are medically appropriate for first trimester abortion care.

Please continue hosting public hearings throughout the permanent regulatory process so Virginians' voices can be heard.

It's not too late to volunteer or to pledge action for the Virginia Pro-Choice Coalition's [Pro-Choice Day of Action](#) on Thursday February 23. There will be phone banks in Virginia Beach, Richmond, Roanoke and Arlington. Sign up now help or simply spread the word and remind your friends/family/co-workers to send an email or make a phone call to their legislators February 23rd about bills affecting women's reproductive healthcare and rights.