



Society of Family Planning Position Statement

Society of Family Planning Position Statements articulate the Society's stance on key issues facing our members and their communities. Position statements are evidence-informed, person-centered, and support our collective vision of just and equitable abortion and contraception.

Gestational Duration Limits in Abortion Policy

Abortion care is an essential and critical component of comprehensive healthcare. Abortion care must be equitably available and accessible to all people who need it without restrictions. Clinicians who provide abortion care must be able to practice evidence-informed, person-centered care without legislative interference. Abortion restrictions and bans are harmful, including those based on gestational duration or proxies for gestational duration such as, but not limited to, cardiac activity or viability.

As such, the Society of Family Planning supports legislation and policy efforts that prioritize expansive, inclusive protections for abortion care for all people. The Society opposes the inclusion of gestational duration limits, including viability, in legislation, laws, initiatives, or regulations. The Society opposes criminalization of abortion care at any point in pregnancy, including patients and clinicians. The Society insists on centering the people most impacted by abortion bans and restrictions when crafting language and building power for abortion protective legislation and policy.

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