Abortions are most commonly performed at private clinics and reproductive health centers, however some are performed at hospitals. Factors to consider when deciding between a clinic and a hospital include: gestational age of pregnancy, special medical conditions you may have, costs involved and which types of insurance the provider accepts, whether you prefer medication or surgical abortion, how far away the health facility is and what your transportation is, and the support available to you from family, partner, or friends.

For a list of the clinics and hospitals that provide abortion services in Massachusetts, visit www.abortioncaremass.org.

Choosing a Provider

Make an Appointment

When making an appointment, you should have with you:

- Pen and paper for taking notes
- Your schedule
- Any questions you wish to ask
- Phone number(s) where you can be reached
- Start date of your last normal period
- Insurance information with name and number

Some basic questions you may want to ask:

- What kind of abortion care do you offer (medication, surgical, or both)?
- For up to how many weeks of pregnancy does the health facility provide these services?
- What types of insurance does the facility accept?
- Which services are included in the cost?
- Are there any additional costs or charges?
- What types of payment (cash, credit card, check, assistance from an abortion fund, etc.) does the facility accept?
- When are appointments available?
- What will happen on the day of the appointment?
- Will I need to bring anything to the appointment? (usually a photo ID is required)
- Is a follow-up exam available or required?

Paying for an Abortion

The typical price for an in-clinic, first trimester abortion is $650, however the cost increases with gestational age. Many health insurances, including MassHealth and other state-subsidized insurance programs cover abortion care, however it is important to check before your appointment.

Need help paying for an abortion? Abortion funds provide financial assistance in the form of grants. Visit www.abortionfunds.org/need-abortion to locate a fund near you.

What to Expect

There are two abortion methods, broadly classified into two categories: (1) in-clinic (or surgical) abortions and (2) medication abortions. Regardless of the procedure used, the appointment will typically include:

- A pregnancy test and ultrasound
- Counseling about pregnancy options; and,
- A full explanation of the abortion process

Note: Abortions are incredibly safe and common procedures. A study issued by the National Institute for Health concluded legally induced abortion is markedly safer than childbirth.

For more information and resources, visit https://abortioncaremass.org/resources

For help navigating the Massachusetts health care system, you can contact the Health Care for All Consumer HelpLine at (800) 272-4232. The HelpLine handles calls in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

For any other help navigating the abortion care system in Massachusetts, including assistance with Judicial Bypass, contact a Patient Navigator at (617) 616-1636.