

# New York City Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Bill of Rights

In New York City (NYC), you have the right to access sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. You have these rights while you are in NYC, no matter where you live.

When seeking sexual and reproductive health services in NYC, you have the following rights:

- 1** To receive the following services without parental notification or consent:
  - Abortion, including medication abortion, which most insurance plans (including Medicaid) must cover and for which financial assistance may be available if you are uninsured or underinsured
  - Miscarriage management, including medication management of miscarriage
  - Birth control and emergency contraception, which most insurance plans (including Medicaid) must cover without any cost to patients
  - Sexual health care, including testing, treatment and prevention services for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
  - Prenatal and postnatal care, which most insurance plans (including Medicaid) must cover
  - Care following trauma, including sexual violence and intimate partner violence
- 2** To be free from force, threats of force or physical obstruction when trying to obtain reproductive health care
- 3** To request information from your health care provider about sexual and reproductive health
- 4** To receive information about hospitals' or birth centers' childbirth practices and procedures when you are pregnant
- 5** To receive all the information you need to give informed consent for any nonemergency procedure or treatment, including information about risks and benefits
- 6** To choose or refuse any procedure or treatment
- 7** To choose who will make sexual and reproductive health care decisions for you if you are unable
- 8** To have privacy and confidentiality in your medical care
- 9** To be treated with consideration, respect and dignity in a clean and safe environment free of unnecessary restraints
- 10** To access sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion, at NYC Sexual Health Clinics and NYC Health + Hospitals facilities if you are undocumented
- 11** To file a complaint about unlawful discrimination and harassment in employment based on your sexual and reproductive health care decisions, and harassment in employment, housing and places of public accommodation based on your gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other protected identity

For more information about health insurance and care for immigrants, visit [nyc.gov/site/ochia/find-what-fits/immigrants.page](https://nyc.gov/site/ochia/find-what-fits/immigrants.page).

If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the NYC Commission on Human Rights at 212-416-0197, report online at [nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page](https://nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page) or visit the Commission offices.

This Bill of Rights is a critical part of NYC's efforts to achieve sexual and reproductive justice for all New Yorkers. Sexual and reproductive justice exists when all people have the power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality and reproduction. This Bill of Rights does not create any new rights not already established in law and is not a substitute for legal advice. If you believe your rights have been violated, contact an attorney for further advice.

To learn more about your sexual and reproductive rights, visit [nyc.gov/health](https://nyc.gov/health) and search for **sexual and reproductive justice**. To learn more about your right to be free from discrimination, visit [nyc.gov/humanrights](https://nyc.gov/humanrights). For referrals to an attorney, call the NYC Bar legal referral service at 212-626-7373 or visit [nycbar.org](https://nycbar.org).