

NEW JERSEY: PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

New Jersey stands for reproductive freedom. Here, you can practice medicine with integrity, free from political interference. Whether you're a practicing provider or training for the future, you'll have the support, protection, and freedom to do what you do best — practice patient-centered, evidence-based care.

WHAT NEW JERSEY IS DOING TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM.

The Murphy Administration is committed to protecting reproductive freedom while bolstering access to reproductive health care.



INCREASING PROTECTION

New Jersey's historic Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act codified the constitutional right to access contraception, terminate a pregnancy, and carry a pregnancy to term.

In 2022, the State also strengthened protections for patients and providers in New Jersey. For patients, residents of other states who seek reproductive health care in New Jersey can access confidential care without fear of prosecution. For providers, State law shields reproductive health practitioners from out-of-state prosecution for delivering care that's legal in New Jersey, and protects their personal information.



EXPANDING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

The State has made efforts to make reproductive health care more affordable, such as requiring coverage for contraception, ensuring continuous Medicaid coverage for 365 days postpartum, and providing comprehensive abortion coverage in state-regulated health insurance markets.

New Jersey also reduces the costs of delivering safety-net care through over \$30M in annual funding of the State family planning program and increases to Medicaid reimbursement rates.



INVESTING IN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

The Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center is currently under development in Trenton. It is intended to serve as an anchor for equitable provision of maternal and infant health care services, as well as a training and education site for the perinatal workforce.

More information about reproductive health care and how to access services is readily available at the State's [Reproductive Health Information Hub](#).

**I know how absolutely critical it is to take care of your patient without having to ask a lawyer if what you're doing is still legal.
New Jersey's constitution protects reproductive rights, and we support the people who deliver that care.**

Dr. Kaitlan Baston
Commissioner,
New Jersey Department of Health





NEW JERSEY'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE LANDSCAPE.

New Jersey has taken decisive action to safeguard and expand reproductive health care with strong legal protections and significant funding for providers and patients alike. And with some of the nation's top hospitals, research institutions, and pharmaceutical companies based in New Jersey, our providers have ready access to the latest and most cutting-edge advancements in reproductive health.

The State Board of Medical Examiners has ensured that providers — including physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and midwives — are trusted to offer reproductive care within their scope of practice by removing unnecessary abortion regulations.

New Jersey is currently investing \$30 million a year in family planning programs, as well as loan repayment for providers in underserved communities and security upgrades for facilities. Plus, the State has started stockpiling a six-month supply of Mifepristone to ensure access remains uninterrupted.

In New Jersey, reproductive health care is based on science, not politics. The New Jersey Reproductive Training and Education Initiative, a collaboration between the State and Rutgers University, ensures future providers get the complete, hands-on reproductive health training needed to deliver evidence-based care by integrating abortion care into training curricula.

These measures and more make New Jersey an attractive and competitive place for health care professionals and students to practice and learn.

FIND RESOURCES THAT FIT YOUR PATH.

New Jersey protects reproductive rights by supporting medical professionals at every stage. Students and residents gain top-tier training and mentorship while practicing physicians benefit from strong legal protections and career opportunities. Choose your path to see how New Jersey supports you.

LEARNING & TRAINING IN NEW JERSEY

PRACTICING IN NEW JERSEY



Choose to learn and train in a state that shares your values.



New Jersey is home to five nationally ranked medical schools that excel in research and primary care, including Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine and Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine.

- [Check out the full list of schools and what they offer.](#)

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University was ranked New Jersey's top primary care school by U.S. News & World Report.

- [Learn more about its world-class programs.](#)

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School earned top spots in U.S. News & World Report's rankings for research and primary care.

- [Find out why it stands out.](#)

Students in New Jersey gain hands-on experience at top-ranked health systems like RWJBarnabas Health and Hackensack Meridian Health.

- [Discover more about their specialties and how they shine.](#)

Looking for a residency in New Jersey?

- [Explore opportunities through the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.](#)

Explore fellowship programs that support your future in reproductive health care. Fellowships in New Jersey include:

- [Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship](#)
- [Rutgers Cancer Institute and Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program](#)
- [Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship](#)

LIVE YOUR VALUES IN NEW JERSEY.

In New Jersey, we don't just talk about our values — we live them. Here, fundamental freedoms and human rights are codified into New Jersey law. Legislative leaders advocate for voting, civil, LGBTQIA+, and reproductive rights. New Jersey is also one of the most diverse states in the nation and was named the #1 safest state to live in by Consumer Affairs. Its public schools lead the nation in foreign language enrollment. New Jersey was also among the first states to mandate an LGBTQIA+ and disability-inclusive history curriculum, ensuring our students receive a globalized and comprehensive education. The State's many higher education institutions universities — 32 of which are thriving public universities — are celebrated for their ethnic diversity, preparing students to thrive in a multicultural world. With top-ranked schools, safe neighborhoods, and culturally rich communities, New Jersey is a place where everyone can feel right at home.

Whether you love hiking in the mountains, raising your family in the beach area, exploring Jersey's beautiful coastline, or enjoying the state's public schools, New Jersey is a microcosm of the world. It's the second-highest number of foreign-born residents in the United States.