

Improving Access to Abortion Care in Wisconsin Through Telehealth

What is telehealth abortion?

A telehealth abortion involves a virtual consultation with a healthcare provider and abortion medications mailed to the patient at home.

Telehealth abortion:

- Allows patients to avoid the cost and delays of traveling for abortion care
- Reduces wait times, which helps women get their abortions earlier
- Increases access for low-income and rural residents
- Offers privacy and convenience by providing discreet care
- Is as safe as in-clinic abortion care

What patients say about telehealth abortion:

“[Telehealth care] is half the price of abortions where I live.”

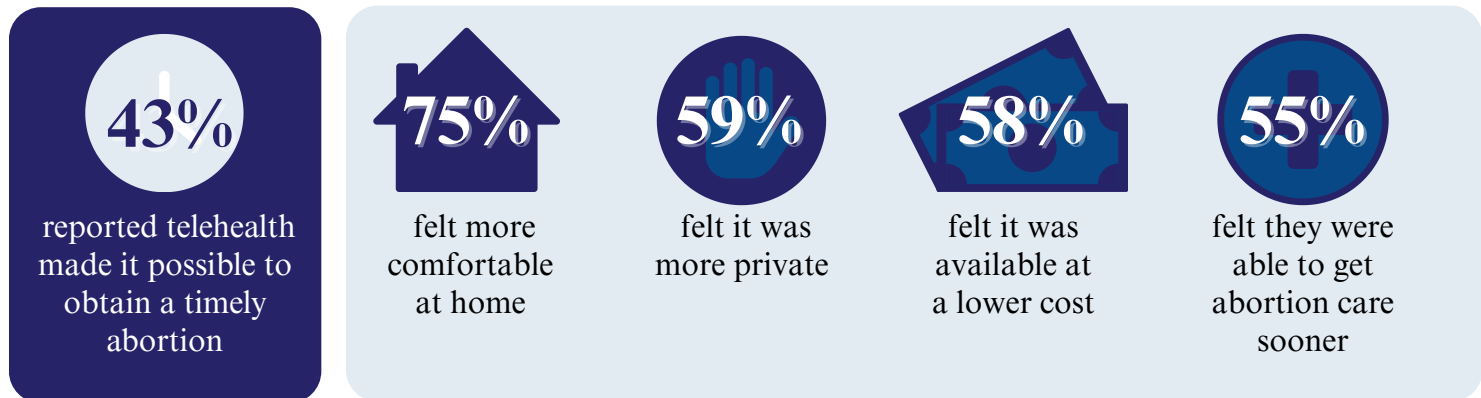
“Talking to a doctor virtually allowed me to be seen almost immediately, so I could get all of this taken care of as quickly as possible.”

“The privacy and convenience of the online abortion service are so much better.”

Barriers to abortion care in Wisconsin

- **82%** of Wisconsin women of reproductive age live in a county that lacks a provider of abortion care
- **Wisconsin law prohibits telehealth abortion** by imposing medically unnecessary requirements for in-person visits (Statute 253.105) and ultrasounds (Statute 253.10)
- These requirements are not based in medical evidence

The CHAT study asked 1,600 patients across the U.S. about their experiences using telehealth for abortion:



BOTTOM LINE
Removing Wisconsin’s laws that prohibit telehealth abortion and mandate ultrasounds would help women get abortions sooner and reduce costs.

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