

Medication Abortion/Abortion Pill

To Our Patients:

Preparing for your First Visit

- Your first visit may take up to 5 hours. There will be many steps and waiting periods during this visit.
- A medication abortion will not be given at your first visit. Ohio law requires that you sign/review two different documents with at least 24 hours before any type of abortion, including a medication abortion. A physician will sign that consent with you at your first visit, and we will schedule a time for you to return to the clinic to undergo an abortion at least 24 hours after those documents are signed.
- Please make childcare arrangements. Children are not allowed in the waiting room or in our exam rooms.

Your first visit will include:

- ✓ A review of your medical history.
- ✓ Blood testing to determine whether you are anemic and whether you have a positive or negative blood type.
- ✓ An ultrasound to evaluate the size of the pregnancy. This is a limited ultrasound. We will not evaluate your health or the health of your pregnancy.
- ✓ Discussion of your options, education on which type of abortion (the abortion pill or in-clinic suction) we are able to offer you.
- ✓ Ohio state law requires that we offer you one booklet on fetal development and getting help with continuing your pregnancy at least 24 hours before your appointment. You **DO NOT** have to look at or take them, but Ohio law requires we offer them to you.
- ✓ During this visit we'll discuss a follow up plan for you to ensure the medication worked and discuss birth control.

Fees

- The cost of a medication abortion/abortion pill is \$540.00. This can be taken up to 10 weeks of pregnancy.
- You may be eligible to be screened for financial assistance at your first visit.
- At your first visit you are required to pay \$200.00 of your total cost, and any remaining balance is due at your 2nd visit, which cannot be scheduled online – the staff at the clinic will help you with that.
- The money you paid us at your first visit is not refundable even if you do not proceed with an abortion at this center, for any reason.
- We accept cash, credit cards, and money orders. We **do not** accept personal checks.
- If you require any services, testing, or medications that are not part of the abortion services there will be a separate fee.

Cancellations

- To cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call us or cancel your appointment via website at least 24 hours in advance, or call 1.800-230.PLAN (7526)

Health insurance

- We accept health insurance. Your health insurance may cover the abortion.
- We recommend you provide your health insurance information by phone 24-48 hours prior to your appointment to ensure eligibility and benefits. If you do not provide insurance information by phone please provide it at this visit so you may use your health insurance for your birth control or abortion procedure.

Identification

- Your visit requires government issued identification; you must present a valid photo ID that includes your date of birth (for example, a driver's license, state ID, passport or green card).

Minors

- The State of Ohio requires that a minor's parent or legal guardian must consent to the procedure unless the minor has brought proof of judicial bypass. Consent from the parent or legal guardian must be in-person at the appointment.
- Minor patients must bring a valid photo ID (see above) AND
- A birth certificate or proof of guardianship linking the minor to the parent or guardian accompanying her to the appointment
- It is required for parent or legal guardian to bring a photo ID that includes a date of birth. If parents name does not match linking document to patient, you must provide the document of name change (such as divorce decree, marriage license and etc.).

Protesters

There may be protesters in front of the clinic when you arrive. The safety of our clients is our top priority. Protesters are not allowed onto the property, and cannot approach your car when you walk into the clinic. They are not allowed to threaten physical harm, but they may shout at or ask you to approach them. We suggest that you simply drive past them and do not interact with them. We may have escorts to help escort you into the building so do not be alarmed if someone wearing a blue vest approaches you in our parking lot. There may also be a police officer in uniform at the clinic.

Preparing for your Abortion visit

- The visit for the abortion procedure may take up to 3 hours
- Please take any medications you normally take.
- If you have asthma, please bring any asthma medications prescribed to you with you.
- Do not take alcohol or street drugs for 24 hours prior to your appointment.
- Please make childcare arrangements. Children are not allowed in the waiting room or in our exam rooms.
- If you plan to bring a support person, please only bring one person, as our small waiting areas cannot accommodate more people.

Your second Medication Abortion visit will include:

- ✓ During your second visit, you will be given the first medication.
- ✓ You will be given a second set of medication to take at home within 24/48 hours of taking the first dose of medication.
- ✓ After taking the second medication, women experience their abortion at home.
- ✓ You can visit our website at <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/the-abortion-pill> or call 1.800.230.PLAN (7526) for more information.

Please call us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

On page 4 are some instructions on how to take the second set of medication

ILLUSTRATION — HOW TO TAKE YOUR PILLS

Taking your pills

Today at the health center you took mifepristone at _____.

← **ONE PILL**

Take your antibiotic as directed.

←

24 – 48 hours after taking mifepristone

Take pills for cramps and for nausea,

← **WAIT**
30 min.

Take 4 pills

← **MISOPROSTOL**

PLACE 4 PILLS IN CHEEK,

2 PILLS ON EACH SIDE

WAIT
30 min.

Then swallow what's left of pills

24 – 48 hours after taking mifepristone

If more pain medicine is needed;

Start your **BIRTH CONTROL** as directed.

IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS

If you have cramps, TAKE PAIN MEDICINE IF NEEDED

CRAMPS
SHOULD GO AWAY

BLEEDING
SHOULD SLOW DOWN

You should feel back to normal