New Poll Reaffirms Strong Support for Emergency Abortion Care for Pregnant Patients

As the Supreme Court hears their latest case about abortion, recent research underscores widespread concern about abortion access and overwhelming support for emergency medical care for pregnant patients, including abortion care.

KEY FINDINGS

CONCERN AROUND ABORTION ACCESS

Nearly seven out of ten (69%) adults are concerned about access to abortion, including 56% of people who identify as conservative.

SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY ABORTION CARE

By a 61-point margin, adults overwhelmingly support the existing federal law mandating hospital emergency rooms provide emergency stabilizing care, including abortion, with 63% of those who identify as conservative and 72% of those who identify as moderate in agreement.

REACTION TO SUPREME COURT CASE

After learning about the Supreme Court case potentially enabling states to enforce laws denying emergency abortion care, top emotions include worry (38%), anger (33%), and disappointment (31%).

TOP CONCERNS

A strong majority of adults are concerned about the potential outcomes if the Supreme Court rules that hospital emergency rooms are no longer required to provide emergency care to all pregnant patients.

People are concerned about their loved ones...

- Being denied emergency care when experiencing complications in pregnancy (80% concerned)
- Concern over doctors' inability to act freely in emergencies (79% concerned)
- Continuing a risky pregnancy against medical advice (79% concerned)
- Risking health or death to travel to another state or country for necessary abortion care (75% concerned)
- Becoming pregnant due to limited options for managing a pregnancy-related medical emergency (74% concerned)

METHODOLOGY: This poll was conducted by Morning Consult April 12-14, 2024 among a sample of 2,204 adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of adults based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, region, gender by age, and race by educational attainment. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.