

EQUITABLE ABORTION ACCESS STATEWIDE THROUGH INNOVATIONS IN CARE AND POLICY



Our Goal: Every person should be able to get a safe, legal abortion, no matter who they are or where they live. We aim to foster an environment in which equal and equitable access to abortion is a reality for all people across the state, with a focus on expanding abortion services in Southeastern MA.

- Medically unnecessary, discriminatory barriers have restricted access to abortion in the Commonwealth for decades.
 - In 2020, PPLM's political arm, the **Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund**, successfully campaigned to remove barriers to care from Massachusetts state law:
 - Young people aged 16 and 17 no longer need a parent's permission or a court order to access abortion care. Those under 16 who need a judge's permission can petition for it remotely.
 - People facing fatal fetal diagnosis later in pregnancy no longer need to leave the state for abortion care.
- **Many barriers to abortion care remain.** The current geographic and systemic barriers, rooted in discrimination and stigma, deny people in Massachusetts abortion care, bodily autonomy, and true reproductive freedom.
- Addressing this health injustice is a **part of our mission**. Working in coalition, PPLM is pursuing every opportunity to remove these barriers and make Massachusetts a state in which every person can access the care they need without **shame, stigma, or delay**.



BARNSTABLE, DUKES, NANTUCKET, AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES HAVE NOT HAD AN ABORTION PROVIDER SINCE 2008.



SOME PATIENTS MUST TRAVEL 100 MILES OR MORE TO ACCESS CARE.



PEOPLE UNDER 16 MUST HAVE A PARENT'S PERMISSION OR OBTAIN A COURT ORDER TO ACCESS ABORTION CARE.



AN ABORTION TYPICALLY COSTS BETWEEN \$500 AND \$800 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE.



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In collaboration with community partners, PPLM seeks to **improve abortion access for everyone.**

PPLM IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO:

- ✓ **Build and sustain** public support for expanded abortion access and reduce abortion stigma, with a focus on Southeastern Massachusetts.
- ✓ **Reduce** financial barriers to telehealth services.
- ✓ **Expand** its patient navigation program to connect patients to providers, abortion funds, and other supportive services.
- ✓ **Build community** with fellow providers, grassroots leaders, and community organizations in Southeastern Massachusetts.
- ✓ **Support efforts** to improve abortion access in Southeastern Massachusetts, including including site-to-site and direct-to-patient telemedication abortion
- ✓ **Advocate** for the passage of state legislation removing medically unnecessary and discriminatory barriers to abortion.