




Summary Report

TRAP Laws – Ambulatory Surgical Center Requirements

Certain states require facilities in which abortions are performed to be licensed ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and meet regulations governing ASCs. ASCs are typically much stricter than general health facility licensing schemes. This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws in effect from August 1, 2016 through October 1, 2021. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting www.lawatlas.org.

	<p>Ambulatory Surgical Center Requirements</p> <p>In total, 12 states require abortion facilities to be licensed ASCs and meet regulations governing ASCs.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 12 (AK, GA, IN, MI, MO, MS, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA)</p>
	<p>Law Limited in Whole or in Part</p> <p>Five states have had their laws requiring abortion facilities to meet ASC requirements limited in whole or in part by court decision or attorney general opinion.</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 5 (AK, MS, TN, TX, VA)</p>
	<p>Law Requires On-site Features</p> <p>Ten states impose one or more room requirements on abortion facilities that are required to be licensed ASCs. Possible room requirements include operating rooms, procedure rooms, separate soiled and clean instrument sterilization rooms, and recovery rooms.</p> <p>*Note: This map displays the 7 states requiring an operating room on site</p> <p>Jurisdictions: 10 (GA, IN, MI, MO, MS, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX)</p>