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Resolution on Expanding Reproductive Justice Access to NYU Students

Considering the recent overturn of *Roe v. Wade* the landmark Supreme Court case that guaranteed individuals the right to safe abortion and bodily autonomy in this nation, the New York University Student Government Assembly (SGA) recognizes the urgent need to expand access to abortion and provide students at our university with a range of reproductive healthcare options at the New York University (NYU) Student Health Center (SHC). Colleges and universities offering the abortion pill on campus would help alleviate barriers to reproductive health access. In our post-*Roe* landscape, we must ensure that young people have on-demand access to medication abortion and other reproductive healthcare. It is NYU's duty, as a higher education institution, to ensure that its students have the agency, choice, and access to all the resources they need.

WHEREAS, New York state has become an abortion destination for people from restricted states who are seeking care and local clinics are becoming overcrowded, overworked, and under-resourced,¹

WHEREAS, colleges and universities in states such as California², Massachusetts³, and New York⁴ now are required to provide cost-effective abortion pills and abortion readiness plans on-campus,⁵

¹ Abortion providers, such as the Choice's Women's Medical Center in Queens, are currently being overburdened with a [300% increase](#) in patients.

² A 2019 [law](#) signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom now requires state colleges and universities to provide abortion pills [on campus](#).

³ Massachusetts has also enacted a [law](#) requiring public universities to submit a cost-effective and medical abortion readiness plan on campus by November 2023.

⁴ Barnard College announced its [resolution](#) to offer a "full-service approach to medication abortions which allows for more privacy, shorter wait times, and a broader range of options for students".

⁵ [New York State Bill](#)



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WHEREAS, Abortion care is politicized in our current healthcare landscape, but in fact prescribing the mifepristone pill is a completely safe and FDA medically approved process. It is imperative that we depoliticize and demystify abortion care to provide our students with equitable access to the resources they need.

WHEREAS, Mifeprex (mifepristone) and its generic Mifepristone Tablets, 200 mg are 98 percent effective to end an intrauterine pregnancy through ten weeks gestation (70 days or less since the first day of a patient's last menstrual period),⁶

WHEREAS, New York Assemblymember Harvey Epstein said, "Abortion is medical care, yet far too many schools do not provide access to abortion services at their health centers." New York Senator Cleare endorsed this statement saying "For the hundreds of thousands of college students in New York State, campus health centers are the first, best and only option for timely medical care and attention,"⁷

WHEREAS, given the difficulty in accessing this information in a timely manner, students face limitations in making accurate decisions regarding their healthcare,⁸

WHEREAS, we recognize the Student Health Center's hesitancy in providing abortion pills on campus regarding the extent of need, frequency of the procedure, and experience of Health Center providers,

WHEREAS, the FDA has stated that the prescription of abortion pills is straightforward, with FDA regulations allowing the mifepristone pill to be prescribed over telehealth,⁹

⁶ <https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/21/abortion-pills-new-york-college-university-health/>

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⁸ [10.1363/psrh.12024](https://www.psychiatry.com/psrh/10.1363/psrh.12024)

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<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-metropolitan-washington-dc/patient-resources/abortion-dc/medication-abortion-home-telehealth>



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, NYU will create a task force (constituted of students, faculty, and administrators) to continue evaluating the resources provided for abortion medication services. The focus of the task force will consider and consolidate all the above needs for financial resources and other forms of reproductive healthcare like pregnancy tests and emergency contraception as detailed in the resolution. The NYU Student Health Center and Health Promotions Office will work with said task force to increase access to already existing care as well as consider new policies to expand abortion care on campus,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the NYU Student Health Center will be required to provide medication abortion (Mifepristone), similar to what is required at all California public universities¹⁰ and Barnard College,¹¹

FURTHER RESOLVED, NYU will provide a subsidized abortion fund to students who need to cover abortion-related services off campus or for any unexpected costs on-campus,¹²

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Health Center will provide counseling, support, and referral for students who do not wish to end their pregnancy and need help navigating parenthood as a student,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Health Center will continue to conduct comprehensive all-options, racial inclusion, and gender-affirming training for providers yearly to prevent reproductive coercion,

AND FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Health Center will provide the required Mifepristone Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program for healthcare providers to prescribe Mifepristone.¹³

¹⁰ [California universities launch abortion services.](#)

¹¹ [Barnard College Plans to Offer Abortion Pills on Campus - The New York Times](#)

¹² Applicable to those with NYU-provided Wellfleet insurance or private insurance

¹³ [Updated Mifepristone REMS Requirements | ACOG](#)



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I. Appendix A, Resolution Endorsements

Abortion Pills on NYU Campus Petition¹⁴

NYU Young Democratic Socialists of America

NYU Amnesty

NYU Students for Sexual Respect

NYU PP Gen Action

NYU Repro at NYU Wagner School of Public Health

NYU Students for Reproductive Health

NYU South Asian Women's Association

Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies

Danielle Elleman, Director of Sexual and Relationship Respect Services

April Fellers, Nurse Manager at NYU SHC

Lisa Duggan, Professor of American Studies, Gender & Sexuality Studies,

Mitra Rastegar, Ph.D. Clinical Associate Professor, Liberal Studies

Dina M Siddiqi, Clinical Associate Professor, Global Liberal Studies

Professor Juliana Roth

Tamaira Reid, Clinical Associate Professor

Julie Mostov, Dean of Liberal Studies

¹⁴ [499 Signatures, Abortion Pills on NYU Campus Petition](#)



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II. Appendix B, Testimonies

*Student Concerns Regarding Reproductive Healthcare on Campus*¹⁵

*Additional Student and Faculty Testimony*¹⁶

¹⁵ Student Concerns Regarding Reproductive Healthcare on Campus.pdf

¹⁶ Testimony from Students and Faculty.pdf



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III. Appendix C, Supporting Documentation

Planned Parenthood State Testimony¹⁷

Reproductive Health Access Project Statement¹⁸

2022 Motion in Support of a Plan for Reproductive Justice on Campus¹⁹

Statement of Support from Professor Gayathri Gopinath, Director of the NYU Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

¹⁷ [Planned Parenthood State Level Testimony](#)

¹⁸ [Reproductive Health Access Project Testimony](#)

¹⁹ [SGA Motion for Support.pdf](#)