

Gov. Lujan Grisham takes action to safeguard abortion access

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SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed an executive order protecting access to reproductive health care services in New Mexico on June 27, protecting medical providers from attempts at legal retribution and establishing that New Mexico will not entertain extradition attempts from other states relating to receiving or performing reproductive services.

“Today we have once again declared that we will take every available action to protect the rights and access to health care of anyone in New Mexico,” Lujan Grisham said. “As long as I am governor, abortion will continue to be legal, safe, and accessible in New Mexico.”

The executive order protects health care providers from discipline due to an out-of-state resident receiving abortion services in New Mexico; makes clear that the state will not cooperate with extradition attempts from other states where criminal charges are being pursued against an individual for receiving or performing reproductive services; and prohibits state agencies from cooperating in another state’s investigation into a person or other entity for receiving or delivering reproductive services.

Two other states, Minnesota and Massachusetts, have recently taken similar executive action.

In 2021, Lujan Grisham enacted legislation repealing an antiquated state law that would have criminalized abortion providers upon the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, ensuring continued abortion access throughout New Mexico and safeguarding the right of every New Mexican to make critical decisions about their own health and to decide for themselves and their families when to have children.

