

# Colorado Amendment 79, Right to Abortion and Health Insurance Coverage Initiative



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This measure would:

- Establish the “right” to an abortion in the state’s constitution
- Repeal the state ban on the use of public funds for abortion
- Require abortion to be covered by all state and local government health insurance policies

## **COLORADO’S CURRENT LAW:**

Abortion is legal in all circumstances in Colorado. Parents must be notified 48 hours in advance of their minor child’s scheduled abortion, unless the minor obtains a judicial bypass. Currently, Section 50 of the state’s constitution prohibits the use of public funds for abortion.

# Catholics should vote **NO** on Colorado Amendment 79

A human being's life begins the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg. This is now a unique and unrepeatable person.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a human being before he or she is born. The Catholic Church teaches that abortion is never morally licit.

The Church teaches that neither rape nor incest justifies the taking of an innocent human being's life.

Doctors never need to intentionally kill the baby to save the mother's life; therefore the "life of the mother" argument is invalid. In his address to midwives, Pope Pius XII taught that a physician should do all he can to preserve both lives. If the baby dies while the doctor tries to save the mother, this is not considered an abortion.

Any formal cooperation in abortion constitutes a grave sin. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human beings (CCC 2272).



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