



Missouri's Newly-Effective Abortion Law's Impact on Health Care Providers

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, which was followed by Governor Mike Parson signing a proclamation triggering the effectiveness of Section 188.017 RSMo, which ends elective abortions in the State of Missouri, Spencer Fane's health care team is sharing a memo outlining the broad scope and ambiguities in Missouri's law and the potential issues it presents to Missouri health care providers.

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, abortions in Missouri are illegal except in the case of a medical emergency. Missouri's definition of abortion and abortion prohibition also put the use of certain birth control devices and drugs at risk of being interpreted as illegal "abortions," as well with differing penalties for those methods used pre and post fertilization.

To view the firm's memo, "Missouri's Newly-Effective Abortion Law's Impact on Health Care Providers," please [click here](#).

The Spencer Fane health care team will continue to monitor related developments in Missouri and other states as legislatures and executives contemplate responses to the Supreme Court's decision on Friday.

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