

Biden to sign executive order protecting women traveling for abortion

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President Joe Biden was poised to sign a new [executive order](#) on

Wednesday that would make it easier for women to travel to another state to get an abortion.

This would be eased in part by allowing states that have not outlawed abortion to apply for Medicaid waivers to treat those needing care. The signing of the order will launch the first meeting of a federal task force on access to reproductive care that will be led by Vice President Kamala Harris, the White House said.

The order will also remind health care providers of the need to comply with federal nondiscrimination laws, and it will streamline collection of data and information on [maternal health](#) at the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This is the latest in a string of executive actions signed by the president since the U.S. Supreme Court [ended](#) a woman's constitutional right to an abortion in June.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Justice Department sued Idaho on Tuesday, arguing that a statute that criminalizes abortions violates federal law.

"We will use every tool at our disposal to ensure that pregnant women get the emergency [medical treatment](#) to which they are entitled under federal law," U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland [said](#) in announcing the suit. "And we will closely scrutinize state abortion laws to ensure that they comply with federal law."

Democratic lawmakers and abortion advocacy groups have asked for additional Biden declarations, including one to declare a public health emergency on abortion.

White House officials have said such a declaration would not free up many federal resources or activate new legal authorities, the *Associated*

Press reported.

More information: [Reproductiverights.gov](https://reproductiverights.gov) has more on a person's reproductive rights and filing a complaint if they're violated.

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