

AFFIRMING LIFE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LCMS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There never seems to be an end to all of the roadblocks and legislation. Just when we think we've seen it all... Please keep praying concerning these things, and remember to take heart. He has overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Christ's peace,
Rev. James Maxwell

Colorado Targets Life-Affirming Health Care Clinics

"On April 14, 2023, Becket filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado to stop the State from targeting religious healthcare clinics that offer women care in accordance with their faith. The district court quickly granted emergency relief to Bella Health, protecting them from Colorado's targeting. During a hearing on April 24, Colorado government officials committed that the State will not enforce the law—promising instead to act as if the law "never existed" pending rulemaking by the Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy licensing boards. In an order issued on April 28, the district court held that the State has "agreed to suspend any enforcement that would affect the plaintiffs" and "will not enforce the new Colorado law against any licensee" in the immediate future." (Becket Law, <https://www.becketlaw.org/case/bella-health/>)

Colorado is the First State to Ban Abortion Pill Reversal

"(Colorado) recently became the first state to ban abortion pill reversals. The Colorado legislature passed a bill to make prescribing any drug in this way medical misconduct, unless three of the state's medical boards find it is a "generally accepted standard of practice." Democratic Gov. Jared Polis signed the bill into law on April 14.

"The bill also limits advertising by pregnancy resource centers, which do not offer abortions; rather, they are known to try to talk people out of getting an abortion.

"The Colorado attorney general's office, several district attorneys, the Colorado Medical Board, and the Colorado Board of Nursing said they would not enforce the new law until the two medical boards determine whether abortion reversal is "a generally accepted standard of practice," The Colorado Sun reported." (www.news-medical.net)

Read the full article: <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20230504/Colorado-becomes-the-first-state-to-ban-so-called-abortion-pill-reversals.aspx>

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What is the Abortion Pill?

Also called chemical abortion or medical abortion, the abortion pill is a two-step process. The first step is the drug mifepristone, an abortifacient given at a clinic. This weakens or sometimes kills the baby. The second drug, misoprostol, is taken at home 24-48 hours later and expels the baby to complete the abortion.

Learn more about the abortion pill and the reversal here:

<https://www.prolifeco.org/apr>

“Abortion Pill Reversal is a safe and effective way to attempt to reverse the effects of chemical abortion by taking progesterone (a naturally occurring hormone). It is prescribed by a licensed medical provider to outcompete the life-ending effects of chemically induced abortion for the baby.

“WATCH: a Colorado mother shares her story of using the Abortion Pill Reversal process, while a Denver-based Bella Health and Wellness OB-GYN explains the safety, efficacy, and common practice of the treatment for women who choose to preserve the life of their pre-born child after taking chemical induced abortion pill(s).” (Pro Life Colorado, Abortion Pill Reversal, <https://www.prolifeco.org/apr>)



Million Dollar Life Matching Grant

Phase 4: Applications are due by June 30, 2023.

Awards will be made in Sept. 2023. Reports are due March 1, 2024.

www.lcms.org/serve/grants/life-grant

Utah Life Festival

Saturday, June 24, 3pm-6pm

400 N 110 East

Vineyard, UT 84059

www.facebook.com/events/6156448951099484

March for Life is coming to Colorado next year

Save the date!

Thursday, April 12, 2024

More details to come.

Update: Celebrate Life Colorado, which was to be on June 24, has been canceled.

LCMS Life Ministry Supplies

On our LCMS Life website, you'll find links to apparel and gear that can be used during rallies and marches. Scroll about half-way down and you'll see a link to "Life Apparel and Gear," which has t-shirts, hats, etc. There's also a link to "Groups and Supplies," which has signs and banners. www.lcms.org/life

LCMS Life Ministry

www.lcms.org/life

www.facebook.com/LCMSLife

LCMS Life Ministry Newsletter

<https://resources.lcms.org/tag/life-ministry-newsletters/>

Lutherans For Life

www.lutheransforlife.org

National Right to Life

<https://www.nrlc.org/>

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