





# How do WOMEN pay for ABORTIONS?

Removing financial barriers could help women obtain an abortion earlier in pregnancy, when it's safer

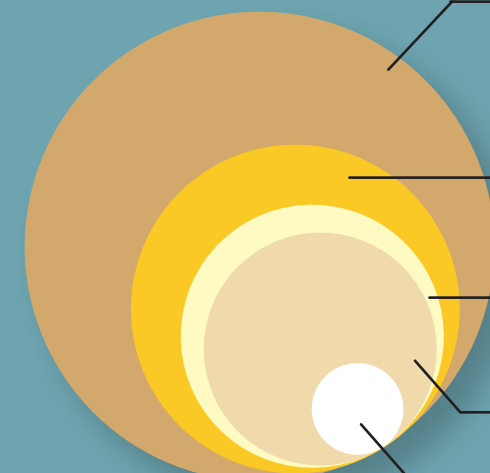
## Most abortion patients HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE



-  **33% NO HEALTH INSURANCE**
-  **31% MEDICAID**
-  **30% PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE**
-  **5% OTHER**

## But most women PAY OUT OF POCKET FOR THEIR ABORTION

(categories may overlap)



- 57% OUT OF POCKET** (often because of lack of insurance coverage or lack of coverage for abortion, or to ensure confidentiality)
- 20% MEDICAID** (in states that cover abortion with their own funds, 92% of eligible patients use this coverage)
- 13% FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** (e.g., a grant, a loan or reduced fees)
- 12% PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE**
- 2% OTHER** (e.g., a loan from friends or family)

**IN 2008,**  
**THE AVERAGE COST**  
OF A FIRST-TRIMESTER ABORTION WAS



LOWER-INCOME WOMEN  
ARE MORE LIKELY  
TO BE UNINSURED



FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDS  
**COVER ABORTION**  
ONLY IN CASES OF  
RAPE, INCEST & LIFE ENDANGERMENT

AND ONLY 17 STATES HAVE POLICIES  
TO USE THEIR OWN FUNDS  
TO COVER ABORTIONS  
FOR WOMEN  
ON MEDICAID

Lacking insurance coverage, poor and low-income women often need considerable time to come up with the money to pay for an abortion