

Background

Medication abortion (mifepristone + misoprostol) is legal in New Jersey, but access is shaped by pharmacy participation in FDA REMS program.

Understanding the regulatory framework and pharmacy-based pathways for mifepristone distribution is essential for clinicians looking to support prompt, access for patients -- particularly college-aged individuals navigating logistical and privacy barriers.

Objectives

- Describe current pharmacy pathways for accessing mifepristone in New Jersey
- Identify steps providers must complete to prescribe mifepristone under FDA REMS
- Highlight logistical barriers college-aged patients face when obtaining medication abortion through pharmacies

Methods

To evaluate pharmacy access, we conducted a secret shopper study during Summer 2025 using anonymous phone calls to chain and independent pharmacies.

Measures:

- REMS certification
- Medication availability
- Prescription requirements
- Cost and shipping access

MEDICATION ABORTION IN NEW JERSEY

A quick guide for providers on where and how to prescribe abortion medications in New Jersey.



MEDICATION ABORTION IS LEGAL IN NEW JERSEY.

In New Jersey, abortion medications are legal and may be prescribed by physicians, APRNs, PAs, nurse-midwives, and certified midwives.¹

The standard regimen for abortion medication consists of two medication: mifepristone, followed by misoprostol. More than two decades of research demonstrates that these medications are a safe and effective to end an early pregnancy.²

In order to prescribe mifepristone, all providers must enroll in the FDA's REMS program.³

BEFORE YOU PRESCRIBE



ENROLL IN REMS PROGRAM

Submit a one-time prescriber agreement form to one of the two manufacturers of mifepristone (either Danco or GenBioPro).³



COMPLETE PATIENT AGREEMENT FORM

Once your application has been reviewed by the manufacturer, you are eligible to prescribe mifepristone. Each time you prescribe this medication, you and your patient will need to complete an agreement form and submit it to the manufacturer.³



SELECT AN AUTHORIZED PHARMACY

Mifepristone can only be dispensed at authorized pharmacies.³ Some pharmacies allow the mifepristone to be shipped directly to patients, while others require an in-person pick-up. **Scan the QR code on this flyer for a list of authorized pharmacies in New Jersey**



SUBMIT PRESCRIPTION

To ensure the prescription can be processed efficiently, make sure to include your NPI and REMS ID numbers. Most pharmacies hold these medications for 3-5 business days after the order is processed. If needed, providers can extend this timeline by including a dispense by date in their prescription notes.⁴

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS



A LIST OF AUTHORIZED PHARMACIES



PROVIDER RESOURCES



INFORMATION ABOUT THE FDA REMS PROGRAM

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Information current as of May 2026. Policies may change; confirm with pharmacies before prescribing

Findings

Limited Physical Dispensing:

- Only 2 certified in-person dispensing sites identified in NJ
- Chain pharmacies do not stock mifepristone in retail locations
- Instead, access is typically routed through specialty pharmacy hubs for mail delivery or coordinated pharmacy pickup.

Mail-Order Pathways:

- ArloRx and HoneyBee Health serve as primary online dispensing options for NJ patients

Other Logistical Barriers:

- Prescribing Hurdles - Providers must navigate a multi-step FDA REMS certification process, which includes a one-time prescriber agreement and a mandatory Patient Agreement form for every individual prescription.

Conclusion: From Legality to Accessibility

Implementation Gap

- Legal protection does not guarantee access
- Dispensing occurs through a limited distribution network

Student Barriers

- Geographic gaps create “pharmacy deserts” near New Jersey's 65 college campuses
- Insurance-related privacy concerns and transportation barriers

Barrier of Time

- Medication abortion is time-sensitive, yet pharmacies often require 3–5 days processing