



WE ARE HERE TO HELP! FILE A COMPLAINT

If you believe that you have been treated in an unfair, unjust, or discriminatory manner, please reach out to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Health Care Section to file a complaint.

File Online:

www.attorneygeneral.gov

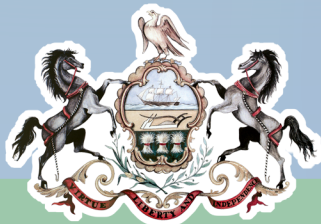
Request a Complaint Form:

1-877-888-4877

(weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am - 5 pm)

or Email:

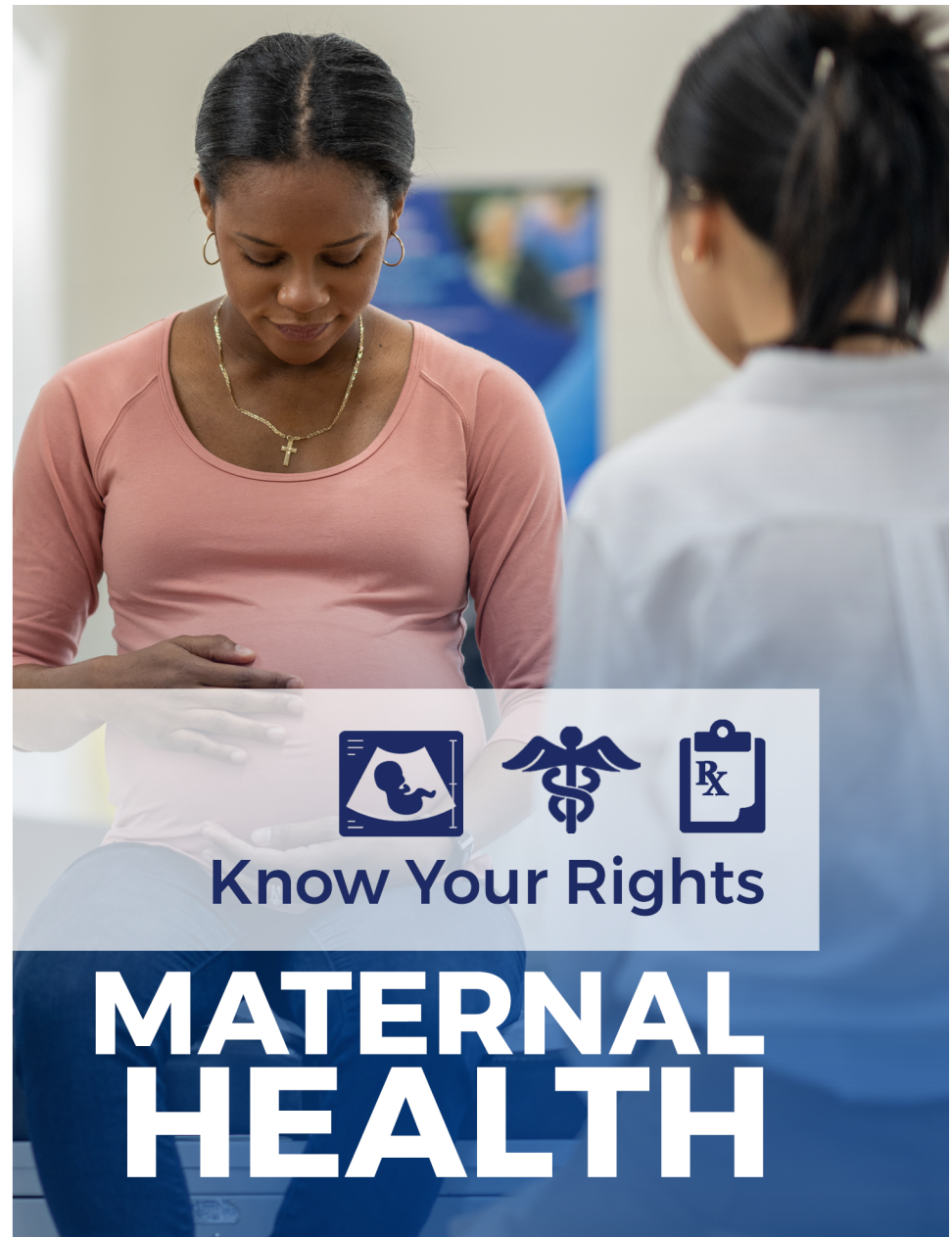
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Know Your Rights

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Pregnancy-related deaths are on the rise in Pennsylvania. This is particularly true for minority communities, where maternal deaths are up to three times more likely than for white communities. The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General is committed to advocating on behalf of those who experience unjust or unequal treatment and taking action to improve health outcomes across the Commonwealth. If you are concerned that you are not able to get the care you need, do not hesitate to contact our office and file a complaint.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michelle A. Henry".

Access to fair, equal, and adequate pregnancy-related care is a fundamental right for every Pennsylvanian.



During your pregnancy, you have the right to:

- Ask questions about your care and be given clear information about the risks, benefits, and cost of any procedure, test, or treatment
 - This includes the right to receive this information in a language that you can understand
- End care with your current provider and choose a new physician or midwife
- Say “no” to allowing medical students to observe or participate in your care
- Receive care from a hospital during a medical emergency, regardless of your ability to pay
 - This means that you can deliver your baby in a hospital, even if you do not have health insurance
- Privacy when receiving care and speaking with health providers
- Have your cultural and religious background respected by providers
- Deny monitoring during labor that would restrict your movement
 - This includes the right to labor and give birth in the position that you choose
- Decide who can be in the delivery room with you during your birth as a support person (ex: family, friend, doula)
- Receive fair and equal care regardless of your race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, age, disability, or religion