

State Funding of Abortions in Cases of Fetal Anomalies

Monthly Report

Background

[Appropriation Act - Item 289 I. \(Regular Session, 2019\)](#)

Monthly report on the number of procedures approved for payment pursuant to § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia, including a description of the nature of the fetal abnormality, to the extent permitted by law, as required for eligibility under § 32.1-92.2, Code of Virginia. (June 2019)

Although the above language was included in the Appropriations Act, signed on May 2, 2019, the General Assembly simultaneously prohibited the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to use funds for abortions authorized by state statute. Due to this prohibition, VDH did not consider any funding applications for cases of fetal anomalies between May 2, 2019 and April 24, 2020. The bill to amend and reenact § 58.1-638 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal the fifth enactment of Chapter 17 and the fifth enactment of Chapter 18 of the Acts of Assembly of 2019, signed on April 24, 2020, lifted the prohibition. Information for the remaining months of SFY20 are listed in Table 1.

Table 1.

Month	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Nature of the fetal abnormality*			
May 2019						
June 2019						
July 2019						
August 2019						
September 2019						
October 2019						
November 2019						
December 2019						
January 2020						
February 2020						
March 2020						
April 2020						
May 2020				0	0	N/A
June 2020				--	--	N/A

*Descriptions of the nature of the anomalies are being withheld pursuant to Code of Virginia sections 32.1-41, 32.1-127.1:03, and 2.2-3705.5(1).