



**Virginia Department of Health
Office of Licensure and Certification**

**TIMELINE FOR LICENSURE OF ABORTION FACILITIES ONCE THE EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE**

Day 1

1. The *Regulations for Licensure of Abortion Facilities* become effective upon approval by the Governor and filing with the Registrar of Regulations.
2. Using information reported to the VDH Division of Vital Records for 2010, the VDH Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC) will send written notification that the emergency regulations are effective to existing facilities in which five or more first trimester abortions per month are performed .

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3. The VDH Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC) will begin to implement and administer the new licensure program.
4. Existing facilities in which five or more first trimester abortions per month are performed should submit the application for licensure as soon as possible. After a licensure application is considered complete by the OLC, the facility will be notified. After such notification is received, the provider must submit written notification to the OLC that it is ready for the on-site survey within 30 days. As long as an abortion facility files an application for licensure and submits written notification of survey readiness within 90 calendar days of the effective date of the regulations, OLC will not initiate any enforcement action.
5. The OLC will conduct an on-site survey within 60 calendar days after receiving the letter of readiness.

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6. The OLC will review facility information during the on-site survey. After the on-site survey, if the OLC determines that the facility is in full compliance with the regulations, a deficiency free report will be sent with the license within 15 working days of completion of the on-site survey.

7. If the on-site survey identifies deficiencies, the licensure application may be denied. At the discretion of the State Health Commissioner, OLC may offer the facility the opportunity to submit a plan of correction.

8. Once licensed, if not already compliant, the facility will have two years from the date of initial licensure to become compliant with 12 VAC 5-412-380.