
Interviewer: Southwestern Women's Options. This is Anya. How can I help you?

Interviewee: Hi. I was calling because I was wondering if I could get an abortion even though I'm under 18, and would my parents have to know about it. I mean, I've known I've been pregnant for a while, but it was an older family member that did this to you, and I really don't want them to know that.

Interviewer: So, in New Mexico, we don't have any parental notification laws.

Interviewee: All right.

Interviewer: So you would be fine to come even if you're under 18. But do you have a photo ID?

Interviewee: I do.

Interviewer: Like a school ID or something.

Interviewee: Yeah.

Interviewer: Okay, yeah. You would just have to bring that. Okay. And are you calling from here in New Mexico?

Interviewee: Yes.

Interviewer: All right. Do you know how far along into the pregnancy you are?

Interviewee: I'm 26 weeks.

Interviewer: All right. Let's see. So this procedure, based on the number of weeks that you are, is what we call an induction of labor process. So it does take several days. We like to start this process on a Tuesday.

Interviewee: Well, how much is it?

Interviewer: So, it depends. Do you have any insurance?

Interviewee: No. He was gonna bring me in and pay for it. I mean, I don't – yeah, but I don't have any insurance or anything.

Interviewer: No New Mexico Medicaid?

Interviewee: No.

Interviewer: Okay. So, let's see. I'm gonna quote you a fee for next week, if you came in for Tuesday. So, the fee at that stage is gonna be \$7,500. Now, we can offer some assistance with that. So we offer a loan right off the top of 20 percent. So that is for \$1,500.

Interviewee: Okay.

Interviewer: So that would leave you with \$6,000 to come up with.

Interviewee: Okay.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Interviewee: All right. So what you're saying is that it would be \$7,500 to come up, and I could do a 20 percent loan.

Interviewer: Right.

Interviewee: Okay. If I had Medicaid, would that cover it?

Interviewer: Yes.

Interviewee: Okay.

Interviewer: Well, it depends on what kind of Medicaid, but –

Interviewee: Okay. Could I get Medicaid without my parents knowing?

Interviewer: Um, there is what's called emergency pregnancy Medicaid. So it's presumptive eligibility. So you could try that.

Interviewee: Okay.

Interviewer: I can give you a phone number that you can follow up with it.

Interviewee: Yeah. That would be great.

Interviewer: Okay. One moment please. So the phone number is — let's see — 505-841-4137.

Interviewee: Okay.

Interviewer: So if you call that, that's an enrollment counselor. She can talk to you about what you need to bring with you to set that appointment up.

Interviewee: Okay. Just one other question. Since I'm young — I mean, I'm only 16 — are there any risks or complications to the procedure?

Interviewer: I mean, there's a risk with any medical procedure. They are real. But, basically, they're the same risks involved in continuing a pregnancy to full term and having a delivery. That's something that we can talk more detailed with you when you get here.

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