Illinois state laws in 2018 and 2019 required abortion to be covered by Medicaid and private insurance plans. Many factors, including cost, can affect method preference.\textsuperscript{1}

**Background**

To understand abortion method preferences in a state where policies have reduced the barrier of cost.

**Methods**

- **Eligibility**: Age: 18–45; gestation: ≤ 11 weeks; abortion in IL clinics; interviews July 2021 – February 2022
- **Analysis**: Qualitative interviews coded with Dedoose and analyzed for themes

**Conclusion**

- Participants preferences were honored when cost was removed as a barrier
- Method selection is complex and personal
- Some negative and/or false perceptions around procedural abortion arose; may stem from anti-abortion propaganda
- Telehealth has been elevated as a response to abortion restrictions; however, many patients may prefer a method that aligns with their physical, emotional, and practical preferences
- Providers can prioritize patient-centered care and preserve decisional autonomy

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