



FACT SHEET
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
v. Iowa Board of Medicine

ABOUT THE CASE

In August 2014, a trial court upheld an Iowa Board of Medicine ban on “webcam” abortions, a practice in which women are provided with abortion-inducing drugs without any in-person examination by a licensed physician. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland appealed the decision to the Iowa Supreme Court.

STATUS AS OF 2015-03-10

Oral arguments will be heard at the Iowa Supreme Court in Des Moines on March 11, 2015.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

- Whether Planned Parenthood’s bottom line is more important than the health and safety of women
- Whether Planned Parenthood and other abortionists will be allowed to bypass in-person examinations of women for procedures like abortion even though they pose serious health risks.

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