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Bevin: Louisville Planned Parenthood Running Unlicensed Abortion Clinic

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - In a statement, Governor Matt Bevin says that Planned Parenthood is running an "unlicensed abortion facility" in Louisville after the group revealed Thursday that it recently started performing abortions at its new location on Seventh Street.

[WAVE 3 News reports](#) that, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky opened the new location on Dec. 11, 2015, and started performing abortions on Jan. 21

Bevin's states that Planned Parenthood is "openly and knowingly operating an unlicensed abortion facility in clear violation of the law."

A spokesperson for Planned Parenthood told WAVE 3 that they had "applied for an abortion facility license and commenced services under the guidance of the Office of the Inspector General, the state office that is responsible for licensing health facilities."

Bevin states that the facility is not properly licensed and is in violation of the law. Bevin cited a statute which prohibits abortions without a license and can impose fines from \$500 to \$10,000.

EMW Women's Surgical Center was the only facility in Louisville to previously provide abortion services. Protesters frequently clash with patient escorts outside the building on Market Street.

"Providing access to comprehensive reproductive health services is PPINK's mission and one that the organization proudly serves through this decision," Planned Parenthood said in a statement.