



Bevin orders Planned Parenthood clinic to stop performing abortions

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Matt Bevin

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. —Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin has ordered a new Planned Parenthood clinic in Louisville to stop performing abortions, according to a copy of a letter obtained Friday by WLKY News.

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Bevin's office sent a letter to Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky on Thursday ordering them to stop performing abortions and denying their application for a permit to perform the procedure.

Bevin told reporters Thursday night that the clinic has been illegally performing abortions without a permit.

"There is no tolerance whatsoever for people in the commonwealth of Kentucky disregarding the law," he said. "They are unlicensed, they are doing it knowingly, and they are going to be brought to justice on this front."

Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky confirmed in a statement that it has been performing abortions at its new Louisville clinic since Jan. 21.

The statement did not address the permit application or why they believed they were authorized to perform abortions.

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

Bevin's letter calls Planned Parenthood's application "deficient for multiple reasons."

According to the letter, there were multiple problems with the organization's agreements with a hospital to provide treatment if complications arise during an abortion and with an ambulance service to transport patients.