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Abortion services resume at Merrillville Planned Parenthood

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The Planned Parenthood Health Center in Merrillville. (Post-Tribune/Post-Tribune)

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After a temporary halt, abortion services at [Planned Parenthood's](#) Merrillville center resumed Monday, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

The services were [stopped](#) from July 13 through Sunday after a backup physician left the clinic, according to the health department.

In that time, [Christie Gillespie](#), the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, said the clinic would still provide family planning and prelaboratory services, and had "every confidence that we will be providing abortion care for our patients at our Merrillville health center soon."

"PPINK is committed to providing a wide range of health care services, including abortion services, regardless of the regulatory challenges that may arise. We ensure that women have medically accurate information about the options that are accessible to them," Gillespie said in a statement Monday.

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The services resumed Monday after a new backup physician with admitting privileges at a local hospital agreed to provide services, according to the health department.

Aside from abortion services, PPINK provides women's care, STD screenings, pregnancy testing and sexual and reproductive health education, according to the organization's website.

"Deciding if and when to become a parent is a very personal decision, and the staff at PPINK provides information to patients regarding all options, including abortion," Gillespie said.

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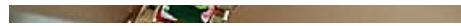
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