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Planned Parenthood to open new Dallas abortion clinic that meets ambulatory surgical center standard



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Planned Parenthood will open a new abortion clinic in Dallas in August that meets the structural standards of an ambulatory surgical center, as required by the state's new law.

In September, all abortion clinics will have to meet the structural requirements — such as specific room and doorway sizes, air sterilization systems, backup generators, blood supplies and male and female locker rooms.

Including the new Dallas clinic, seven of the 21 abortion clinics operating in the state meet the requirements.

The Center for Reproductive Rights filed a lawsuit on behalf of several abortion providers in Texas challenging the structural requirements.

Planned Parenthood purchased and renovated an existing surgical center with donations from the Building our Futures Fund.

"Our board and some of our donors and supporters put together a campaign to meet the needs of our patients over the coming years," said Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas spokeswoman Sarah Wheat. Aside from funding the new clinic, the donations will go towards patient assistance and renovating family planning clinics in North Texas.

All abortion procedures will be transferred to the new facility beginning in August.

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