

## Abortion Business Closures Outpace Openings by Four to One in 2017

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Washington, D.C. – For the first five months of 2017, abortion clinic closures continue to outpace the opening of new abortion businesses. This continues a national trend that shows the abortion industry is imploding. So far in 2017, there have been 21 closures of abortion and abortion referral facilities, while only five have been known to open. Operation Rescue tracks each change in the number of abortion facilities in the U.S. and publishes [annual reports](#) on closures. The 21 closures break down as follows:

- Seven surgical abortion facilities.
- Five medication abortion facilities.
- Nine abortion referral facilities.

“There are multiple factors that are leading to abortion clinic closures,” said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. “Of course, defunding efforts are one of the primary reasons for closures, but another important factor is failure of abortion businesses to comply with the law.” Abortion facilities in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Virginia, closed due to their own bad behavior.

- Premiere ObGyn in Wilmington, Delaware, and American Women’s Services in Fairfax, Virginia, closed after being evicted for non-payment of rent. Both were owned by the notorious Steven Chase Brigham.
- EMW abortion facility in Lexington, Kentucky, was closed by the state for conducting abortions without a license.
- Planned Parenthood Metro DC in Silver Spring, Maryland, was evicted due to pressure from pro-life activists.

Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood organizations are undergoing a rapid reorganization. Four Iowa facilities affiliated with Planned Parenthood Heartland will soon close due to state defunding

efforts. This includes three facilities that offered medical abortions. With these closures, Planned Parenthood will have shut down 20 facilities since 2010.

Other Planned Parenthood closures were announced by Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains. They will close three referral clinics in New Mexico, two in Colorado, and the only Planned Parenthood facility in Wyoming. These closures are attributed to a dramatic reorganization in the face of the likely prospect that the Trump Administration will successfully bar them from profiting from all federal programs.

“Planned Parenthood has grossly overestimated the demand for abortion, which is their most profitable endeavor,” said Newman. “Abortion numbers are decreasing each year, and now with the treat of federal defunding, Planned Parenthood is rushing to reorganize in order to remain financially solvent. We expect to see more of this reorganization trend as the federal government works to redirect tax money to women’s clinics that do not conduct abortions.”

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