

The Bella Health Case

Case Name: Bella Health and Wellness v. Weiser

Case Status: The U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado issued an order granting Chelsea's motion to intervene on April 8, 2024 and expanded the preliminary injunction to include her on April 22, 2024.

Significance: Whether Colorado has the ability to silence medical professionals and prevent them from saving lives.



Background: In April 2023, Colorado SB-23-190 was signed into law. The law prohibits doctors and nurses from providing abortion pill reversal (APR), which is a treatment used to reverse the effects of chemical abortion drugs, saving the unborn baby. The law even prohibits doctors and nurses from informing patients about APR. A pro-life pregnancy center, Bella Health + Wellness, filed a lawsuit and obtained a preliminary injunction. In January 2024, an anonymous individual filed a complaint against Chelsea Mynyk for offering APR. Chelsea is a nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife who runs her own practice, Castle Rock Women's Health. The Colorado Board of Nursing subsequently opened an unjust and unlawful investigation into Chelsea Mynyk in response to the anonymous complaint filed against her. In response to the Colorado Board of Nursing's investigation, Alliance Defending Freedom successfully intervened in Bella Health and Wellness v. Phil Weiser on Chelsea's behalf to make sure she and other medical professionals can continue their life-saving work through APR.

Key Points

- Colorado's law denies women the freedom to continue their pregnancies.
- Many women regret their abortions—and some choose to reverse the effects of chemical abortion drugs before taking the second drug, often saving their baby's life.

Key Facts

- Abortion Pill Reversal can cause a chemical abortion to fail and save the baby. It uses the natural hormone progesterone needed to sustain pregnancy. It is commonly used to effectively <u>prevent miscarriage</u> and <u>forestall preterm labor</u>. But Colorado isn't trying to outlaw progesterone—it is only making it illegal to use this treatment for one group of people: women who have changed their minds about having an abortion.
- Statistics show that Abortion Pill Reversal has <u>saved over 5,000 unborn lives</u> and has a <u>64-68%</u> success rate.
- Chelsea used APR to reverse a patient's chemical abortion and save an unborn baby in January 2024. The patient's pregnancy is healthy and progressing as normal.

The Bottom Line: Colorado cannot silence medical professionals and prevent them from saving lives.