

# Abortion Rights Are Disability Rights!

**Abortion supports disabled people's autonomy.** Access to all reproductive health care options empowers people to make decisions about their bodies and futures. People with disabilities have been and continue to be systematically denied this right because of forced sterilization, limits on marriage, restrictive conservatorships, and institutionalization. Ensuring access to abortion protects our freedom to make our own choices about our bodies, our futures, and our families.

**Abortion is essential health care.** Abortion can save a person's life when they experience medical complications during pregnancy. People with disabilities are just as likely to become pregnant as non-disabled people but are at higher risk of serious medical complications. Right now, disabled people are 11 times more likely to die during childbirth. Access to potentially life-saving emergency abortion care is essential for us.

## Abortion is On the Ballot in Colorado!

**Initiative 89:** Enshrine the right to abortion in the Colorado state constitution. Repeal constitutional amendment that prohibited the use of state funds to provide insurance coverage for abortion. (Repealing this limitation on funds will be particularly important for PWD who are more likely to be covered by Medicaid or Medicare.)

**Current abortion policy:** No bans on access to abortion. Right to abortion is protected by state statute.

**Voter registration deadlines:**

**October 28**

by mail and online

**November 5**

in-person

