

Dear HWS community,

Did you know medical abortions are not accessible at HWS or in the City of Geneva? Did you know students can't access Plan B on the weekends? As New York residents, a state where abortion is legal, we should be able to access medical abortions at our college health center. This option is safe, effective, and should be part of accessible healthcare. However, none of the major health providers in Geneva offer surgical or medical abortion. Plan B is most effective immediately following a hookup, but Plan B is not available over the weekend on campus.

While it may sound like a big ask to have medical abortions in our health center on campus, Barnard College, a small private school in New York that is similar to HWS, has recently announced their provision of medical abortions on campus and Plan B vending machines in response to student demands. And if New York State Bill A8743 passes, all SUNY schools with on-campus health centers will be required to provide medical abortions. HWS is part of its own linked college system, the New York Six Consortium, and would lead the way for this group by providing medical abortion services on our campus.

Hubbs has recently announced new policies regarding reproductive healthcare, including referral and no-questions-asked transportation to the Planned Parenthood in Canandaigua and free Plan B access. While we are thrilled about the new policies offered, it does not change the fact that students do not have medical abortions available at our campus health center or in Geneva. Nor does it change the fact that Plan B is most needed on the weekends when Hubbs is closed.

Genevans and HWS students are working closely together to demand abortion access because we deserve the right to make our own decisions about our bodies and access to necessary healthcare. Not only would medication abortion access be a step forward for our human rights, but also for the entire Geneva community, as our fates are tightly intertwined. Students we are talking to you: abortion is healthcare, and healthcare is a human right. Join us

in fighting for our human rights! Sign the petition and contact us to share ideas or get more involved.

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