

INTRO: The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will soon decide whether Texas's near-total abortion ban should remain in effect, after a week that saw judges overturn and then reinstate the ban in a matter of days. As KERA's Elena Rivera reports, all these legal changes have made it challenging for abortion providers.

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Marva Sadler says the last few weeks have been a rollercoaster.

"It's been very difficult, to be most honest, it's been super-emotional and then having to separate the emotions to what's best practice for the patients, what's best practice for the staff, what's best practice for the business, and being able to carry forward."

She's the senior director of clinical services for Whole Woman's Health, with locations across Texas.

Sadler says there were times when a staff member would talk to a patient, and then by the end of the call the information wasn't even relevant anymore.

The law effectively bans abortions after about six weeks into a pregnancy. Sadler says the ban has been particularly difficult for those who don't have the financial resources to go out of state.

I'm Elena Rivera, in Dallas.