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## Abortion clinic closes in Corpus Christi

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**SAN ANTONIO** — The sole abortion provider in Corpus Christi has decided to retire, according to the Caller-Times, leaving women in the Coastal Bend area without ready access to abortions.

Corpus Christi had also been the closest location for some women in the Rio Grande Valley since clinics in McAllen and Harlingen closed earlier this year.

Now, women living in Corpus Christi and surrounding areas who seek abortion services will have to travel to San Antonio, at least a two-hour drive each way.

**Dr. Eduardo Aquino**, an obstetrician/gynecologist, stopped offering abortions Friday at **Coastal Birth Control Center**, said **Sarah Guerrero**, the clinic's head nurse told the Caller-Times.

Aquino, who said he is retiring for medical reasons, also does abortions in San Antonio, but on Tuesday staff wouldn't confirm whether he plans to stop practicing here as well.

More than a third of the abortion clinics in the state have closed since the Legislature passed more restrictive laws last year.

Whole Woman's Health, which operated five abortion clinics in Texas, closed its clinics in McAllen and Beaumont, after doctors could not obtain hospital-admitting privileges made mandatory by the new law.

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