



HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Title: Reproductive Health Care for Women

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PURPOSE

Within the framework of the World Health Organization's definition of reproductive health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, Harbor Regional Health Community Hospital (HRHCH), a Public Hospital District, supports the sexual rights of all persons which must be respected, protected and fulfilled.

The Public Hospital District recognizes that every individual has the fundamental right to have access to all forms of reproductive healthcare, except as specifically limited by law. As a Public Hospital District which provides maternity care, the District recognizes its legal obligation to also provide women otherwise eligible for maternity services with substantially equivalent benefits, services, and information regarding infertility treatment, contraceptive options, referrals for adoption and voluntary termination services. The District recognizes all Washington citizens, regardless of gender identity, should be free from discrimination in the provision of healthcare services. This policy addresses how the District will provide these benefits and services.

POLICY

Definitions:

A. RCW 9.02.100, Reproductive Privacy Act; the sovereign people hereby declare that every individual possesses a fundamental right of privacy with respect to personal reproductive decisions. Accordingly, it is the public policy of the state of Washington that:

- (1) Every individual has the fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control;
- (2) Every pregnant individual has the fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion, except as specifically limited by RCW 9.02.100 through 9.02.170 and 9.02.900 through 9.02.902;
- (3) Except as specifically permitted by RCW 9.02.100 through 9.02.170 and 9.02.900 through 9.02.902, the state shall not deny or interfere with a pregnant individual's fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion; and
- (4) The state shall not discriminate against the exercise of these rights in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information

B. RCW 9.02.150, Refusing to perform, No person or private medical facility may be required by law or contract in any circumstances to participate in the performance of an abortion if such person or private medical facility objects to so doing. No person may be discriminated against in employment or professional privileges because of the person's participation or refusal to participate in the termination of a pregnancy.

PROCEDURE

In the case of sexual assault, within 72 hours, Plan B is available in the Emergency Department.

Family Planning Services:

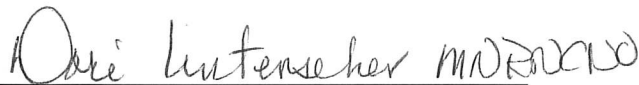
- A. Individuals requesting information on adoption services will be referred to Care Transitions/Social Services for further assistance.
- B. Individuals requesting infertility services will be given referral to providers specializing in infertility.
- C. Individuals requesting information regarding contraception will be given information on all available forms of contraception. If the individual chooses a form of contraception requiring insertion by a practitioner, an appointment will be made to provide such service at a mutually agreeable date and time.
- D. Individuals desiring to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy will be provided with information regarding options to do so and appropriate referrals to internal or external qualified practitioners to assist them to voluntarily terminate their pregnancy.
- E. Individuals presenting with emergent conditions will be evaluated in the Emergency Department with appropriate care determined and provided.

References

WHO: Reproductive Health


RCW 9.02; RCW 9.02.150; RCW 9.02.100; RCW 9.02.150; RCW 0.02.160

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