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PURPOSE: It is the policy of Lincoln Hospital District #3 (LHD) to abide by RCW 9.02.100 through 9.02.170; 9.02.900 through 9.02.902; and RCW 70.41.350 within the limitations of the resources and services offered at the organization and to meet the reproductive health care requirements of Washington State Department of Health. This policy applies to all areas where reproductive health care is offered and provided at Lincoln Hospital and North Basin Medical Clinics. Note this policy has specific sections related to services provided at the hospital and specific sections related to services available at the clinics.

RESPONSIBILITY: Healthcare providers and leadership at LHD are responsible to be aware of the laws regarding reproductive healthcare and to facilitate meeting requirements that are within the scope and resources of the organization.

No person will be discriminated against regardless of sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, nation origin, handicap, gender identity, sexual orientation or ability to pay for services, and no healthcare within the scope of LHD services will be refused based upon the choice to terminate a pregnancy.

No person may be discriminated against in employment or professional privileges because of the person's participation or refusal to participate in termination of pregnancy.

POLICY:

Hospital Services:

LHD does not provide maternity, childbirth care or lactation education services; however, care for pregnant females with imminent delivery or newborns presenting to LHD emergency department shall be stabilized and transferred to facilities that offer OB services. Nothing in this policy prevents a Provider from making an initial determination that the patient is pregnant and informing the patient of the medical diagnosis. Lincoln Hospital does provide Emergency contraception for sexual assault (Per RCW 70.41.350) as well as those seeking emergency contraception following unprotected sexual contact.

Clinic Services:

Reproductive healthcare services offered at North Basin Medical Clinics include women's health exams, pregnancy diagnosis and referral, birth control including insertion of IUD's, pregnancy choice referrals, fertility referrals, and high risk pregnancy referrals.

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY:

Referral and informational services are provided to offer women and family choices regarding voluntary termination of pregnancy; however, these services are not provided at this organization.

Nothing in this policy prohibits a Provider who is employed by or who is an independent contractor of LHD from participating in routine fertility, maternity, or termination services when not functioning within the scope of his or her capacity as an employee or independent contractor of LHD.

Note: Any updates to this policy shall be updated on LHD website as well as submitted to the DOH at www.doh.gov within 30 days of any changes or additions to this policy; updates will be made to the LHD website and submitted to the DOH website as required by WAC 246.320.141. The DOH website for submission is hospitalpolicies@doh.wa.gov

REFERENCES: Washington State Department of Health RCW's 9.02.100 and 9.02.160 Bulletin: WSHA: Submission of Policies to the Washington State Department of Health. Date 1/29/2014