DISTRIBUTION: Hospital

POLICY: To educate the public on the services provided or not provided by EARH in regards to women’s reproductive health.

PROCEDURE: EARH does deliver babies on an emergency basis only. All pregnant women that enter EARH will be assessed including fetal heart tones done by a Doppler. There is no electrical fetal monitoring system at EARH. Assessment of effacement, stage and contractions will be done by the provider on call. If delivery is not imminent then the patient will be discharged. If patient and unborn child are in need of transfer then the staff at EARH will arrange the appropriate transfer and provide a nurse to ride along if needed. If birth is imminent then the staff at EARH will set up using the OB supplies and prepare for delivery. Once the child is delivered the mother and baby will be transported to the appropriate facility by the appropriate method: ground or air depending on the condition of the neonate and or mother. EARH does provide Plan B for the use of patients as directed. EARH does not perform abortions of any type. Patients requesting information on abortions will be given an informational handout with the names and contact information of clinics that do.