POLICY:

EvergreenHealth complies with the Reproductive Privacy Act, a state law that requires a public hospital district that elects to provide maternity care benefits, services or information through a program administered or funded by the public hospital district, to also provide substantially equivalent pregnancy termination benefits, services or information.

EvergreenHealth provides complete maternity care and reproductive health services. These services include, but are not limited to, maternal fetal medicine consultations, genetic level ultrasound for prenatal diagnosis, genetic counseling, social services, termination of pregnancy, birth control, and counseling regarding these services. In the rare case when necessary services are not available at EvergreenHealth, patients are given information regarding alternative sources of care. The EvergreenHealth Healthline (425-899-3000) is available to refer patients to providers who provide these services.

The Reproductive Privacy Act contains a “conscience clause” acknowledging that no person may be required in any circumstance to participate in the performance of a pregnancy termination or certain other services. EvergreenHealth respects each individual's right to refuse to participate in aspects of care that violates his or her beliefs. EvergreenHealth therefore coordinates care so that services are provided with appropriate staff at EvergreenHealth. (See Staff Requests/Non-Participation in Patient Care Policy.)