PURPOSE

It is the policy of Harrison Medical Center that all services rendered in our facilities shall be supportive of life. Harrison works together with community and hospital based healthcare providers to facilitate access to a broad range of female and male reproductive healthcare services. This policy focuses on services provided to patients in Harrison facilities only.

PROCEDURE

A. Through the primary care settings in hospital facilities, patients have access to a full array of preventative healthcare services including forms of contraception, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

B. Harrison Medical Center supports procedures that provide a preliminary evaluation of male and female fertility as well as operations that are intended to restore fertility after “permanent” sterilization.

C. At no time may direct actions to terminate life be performed or permitted. In circumstances wherein a woman’s life is in danger, providers at Harrison are expected to follow best practices of surgical and non-surgical treatment options even if it results in termination of the pregnancy.

D. Through the Harrison facility in Silverdale, patients have access to dedicated obstetric emergency services and birth services.

When it comes to complex pregnancies, clinicians at Harrison exercise their best medical judgment and adhere to best practices and standards of care in the community to ensure safe, quality care for the patient. The Medical Center also seeks to facilitate end-of-life care and provide comfort to our patients and family members affected by a patient’s irreversible terminal disease or condition. When a life threatening condition is reversible, Harrison Medical Center’s goal is to help patients make informed decisions about life saving and fertility sparing treatment.

References

1) None.