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Reproductive Health, 8610-R-8

POLICY:

Samaritan Healthcare 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.

Samaritan staff and providers provide patients with access to a Pregnancy Hotline for pregnancy-related questions that are not emergent.

Samaritan Provides the following maternity care services:

- Family planning, preconception counseling, and contraceptive care
- Pregnancy testing: Lab test to detect the presence of hCG
- Ultrasound services
- Judgment-free pregnancy counseling from experienced medical providers to support each patient's choice
- Termination support services, including medical treatment
- Adoption referrals
- Prenatal care: Complete, comprehensive pregnancy services in a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Labor and delivery: Birthing suites in our award-winning medical facility providing the security of modern technology in a caring and supportive atmosphere

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. Samaritan Healthcare respects each individual's right to refuse to participate in aspects of care that violates his or her beliefs. Samaritan Healthcare therefore coordinates care so that services are provided with appropriate staff.

Samaritan Healthcare also complies with its responsibilities under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, 42 U.S.C. §1395dd

Samaritan Healthcare also complies with RCW 70.41.350, Emergency Care Provided to Victims of Sexual Assault.

Reference:

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Attachments

- [Pregnancy Hotline Workflow](#)
- [Pregnancy Termination Workflow](#)

Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
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Standards

Standard Body: 246.320.141.6

Chapter: 246-320 Hospital Licensing Regulations