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Women's Reproductive Health

POLICY:

Washington State's Reproductive Privacy Act (RCW 9.02) guarantees individuals the fundamental right to make personal reproductive decisions, including the right to choose or refuse birth control and abortion. EARH includes these rights within their practice guidelines.

CORE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT

- **Fundamental Right of Privacy** Every individual has a constitutional right to privacy regarding reproductive decisions.
- **Birth Control** Individuals may freely choose or refuse birth control without state interference.
- **Abortion Rights**
 - Pregnant individuals have the right to choose or refuse abortion, except as limited by specific sections of the law.
 - The state cannot deny or interfere with this right, except in cases explicitly permitted by law (e.g., restrictions after viability unless necessary to protect the pregnant person's life or health).
- **Non-Discrimination** The state may not discriminate against individuals for exercising reproductive rights

PROCEDURE:

HOSPITAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

- **Mission & Ethics Alignment**

- EARH explicitly affirm that individuals have the *fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control and abortion*, consistent with Washington state law.

- **Scope of Services**

- Abortion Services

- Referrals for abortion based on patient preference.

- Contraception Services

- Birth control and provision of the full range of Food and Drug Administration-approved methods including intrauterine devices, pills, rings, patches, implants, etc.
- Providers at EARH are trained in the removal of contraceptive devices.

- Emergency Contraception Services

- Emergency contraception - sexual assault
- Emergency contraception - no sexual assault

- Pregnancy Related Services

- Counseling
- Genetic testing
- Emergent Labor and Delivery via EMTALA
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program trained ER nurses in the event of delivery.
- Prenatal care
- Postnatal care
- Ultrasound

- Other Related Services:

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), prescriptions, and related counseling referrals
- Sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment
- Treatment of miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies (diagnostics only)

- **Limitations to Services**

- At EARH we have limited hospital reproductive health services in the following areas:
 - Prenatal care in the form of vitamins and confirmation of pregnancy via

lab and urine testing.

- Miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies (no surgical interventions available).
 - Transfer arrangements are made for patients in active labor, where imminent delivery is not going to occur.
 - Genetic testing is only QUAD screen through our Rural Health Clinic.
 - Contraceptive counseling based on provider comfort level.
- Services not available at EARH
 - Medication abortion
 - Surgical abortion
 - Contraceptive counseling (limited based on patient preferences)
 - Hospital pharmacy dispensed contraception
 - Tubal ligations
 - Vasectomies
 - Infertility services (counseling, testing, diagnostics, treatments but not limited to in vitro fertilization)
 - Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV treatment)
 - Labor and Delivery department/inpatient for mom or neonatal intensive care unit
 - No specialized providers in labor/delivery or mid-wife services
 - **Compliance with Law & Regulation**
 - Hospitals must comply with state reproductive privacy acts and federal requirements.
 - Federally funded health centers (under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act) are required to provide or arrange for *voluntary family planning services*.
 - Policies also ensure nondiscrimination in access to reproductive health services.

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