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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 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.

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.

Reference:

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