

SUBJECT: Reproductive Health Care	REFERENCE# 14.2.007
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POLICY:

It is the policy of Ferry County Public Hospital District (FCPHD) to provide emergency services for the delivery of an infant in which it would be unsafe to transfer the patient.

PURPOSE:

The District will follow EMTALA Guidelines as they relate to the patient in labor.

A medical screening exam will be completed on all patients who present to the emergency department in questionable labor to determine whether an “emergency medical condition” exists. If an “emergency medical condition” exists or if the patient is in active labor, treatment must be instituted.

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

Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECP’s) – ECP’s are an important option for women who have recently had unprotected intercourse or a contraceptive accident who do not want to become pregnant. The District offers two options for Emergency Contraceptives: Ulipristal and Levonorgestrel oral medications.

Any changes must be submitted to the Department of Health within 30 days of a change and an updated policy must be posted on the hospital district website.

REFERECNES:

RCW 70.41.350
WAC 246-320-141