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## 1.0 Policy Statement

Kaiser Permanente Health Plan has a long history of commitment to reproductive health and providing access to the women’s health services. Currently, the services provided at Central Hospital are as following: surgical abortion, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post exposure prophylaxis (PEP), prescriptions, and related counseling, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, treatment of miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies, hospital pharmaceutical contraception, tubal ligations, vasectomies, and pregnancies related ultrasounds.

## 2.0 Purpose

To provide information regarding the reproductive health services provided at Central Hospital as required by Washington State Law (2SSB 5602).

## 3.0 Scope/Coverage

This policy applies to all individuals who are employed by the following entities (collectively referred to as “Kaiser Permanente”):

- 3.1 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. (KFHP);
- 3.2 Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (KFH);
- 3.3 KFHP/H subsidiaries; and
- 3.4 All contractors, vendors, volunteers, students, or other persons, who are KP workforce members, while performing functions or services for or on behalf of KFH, KFHP and/or the PMGs (individually, a “KP entity”).

## 4.0 Definitions

- 4.1 **Reproductive Health** – Reproductive health refers to the condition of male and female reproductive systems during all life stages.
- 4.2 **Women’s Health Services** – Women’s health care services include maternity care, covered reproductive health services, preventive services and general examinations, and gynecology care.
- 4.3 **Surgical Abortion** – An abortion is a medical procedure that ends an undesired pregnancy by removing the fetus and placenta from the woman’s uterus (womb)
- 4.4 **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis** – HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is the use of specific antiretroviral (ARV) drugs to prevent HIV acquisition.
- 4.5 **Post-exposure Prophylaxis** – PEP stands for [post-exposure prophylaxis](#). The word “prophylaxis” means to prevent or control the spread of an infection or disease. PEP

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means taking HIV medicines within 72 hours (3 days) after a possible exposure to HIV to prevent HIV.

## 5.0 Provisions

**5.1** [2SSB 5602 \(PDF\)](#) (Laws of 2019) required hospitals to complete and submit to the department a reproductive health services form by September 1, 2019.

## 6.0 Appendices/References

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- 6.1.1** Ectopic pregnancy - An ectopic pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg grows outside of the uterus. Almost all ectopic pregnancies—more than 90%—occur in a fallopian tube. As the pregnancy grows, it can cause the tube to burst (rupture). A rupture can cause major internal bleeding. This can be a life-threatening emergency that needs immediate surgery.
- 6.1.2** Medication contraception
- 6.1.2.1** Emergency contraception: contraception provided for the termination of pregnancy. Required to be taken within 72 hrs.
- 6.1.2.2** Routine contraception: prescription or specialty referral may be provided as needed.
- 6.1.3** Tubal ligation - Tubal ligation is surgery to close a woman's fallopian tubes. (It is sometimes called "tying the tubes.") The fallopian tubes connect the ovaries to the uterus. A woman who has this surgery can no longer get pregnant. This means she is "sterile."
- 6.1.4** Vasectomy - A vasectomy is a type of minor surgery that prevents a man from being able to get a woman pregnant. It is a permanent form of birth control.

### 6.2 References

- 6.2.1** **2SSB 5602 – Reproductive Health Services Offered at Hospital.**  
(<http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/Senate/5602-S2.SL.pdf>)
- 6.2.2** Women's Health: [Women's Health | Kaiser Permanente Washington](#)
- 6.2.3** Abortion procedure: [Abortion - procedure: MedlinePlus Medical Encyclopedia](#)
- 6.2.4** PrEP: [Pre-exposure Prophylaxis \(PrEP\) to Prevent HIV During Periconception, Antepartum, and Postpartum Periods | NIH](#)
- 6.2.5** PEP: [Post-Exposure Prophylaxis \(PEP\) | NIH](#)
- 6.2.6** Ectopic pregnancy: [Ectopic Pregnancy | ACOG](#)

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**6.2.7** Vasectomy: [Vasectomy | Vasectomy Reversal | MedlinePlus](#)

**6.2.8** Tubal ligation: [Tubal ligation: MedlinePlus Medical Encyclopedia](#)