

POLICY



**Title: Access to Reproductive
Health Services**

Department: Admin

Effective Date: 03/20/2014

- I. **SCOPE:** This policy applies to all SPMC employees and the SPMC medical staff.

- II. **PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for reproductive health services offered by Summit Pacific Medical Center (SPMC). It is the responsibility of all employees and medical providers working for SPMC to follow this policy. It is the responsibility of the CEO and the CMO to ensure the enforcement of this policy.

- III. **POLICY:**
 - SPMC complies with RCW 9.02.160 by providing information related to reproductive health.
 - SPMC complies with the regulations under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.
 - SPMC complies with the Emergency Care Provided to Victims of Sexual Assault RCW 70.41.30.
 - SPMC complies with the Reproductive Privacy Act of 1991 which declares that it is the public policy of the state of Washington that:
 - Every individual has a fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control;
 - Every woman has a fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion, except as specifically limited by the Reproductive Privacy Act;
 - The state and its municipal corporations shall not deny or interfere with a woman's fundamental right to choose or refuse to have an abortion, except as specifically permitted by the Reproductive Privacy Act; and
 - The state and its municipal corporations shall not discriminate against the exercise of these rights in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services or information.
 - SPMC as a public hospital district complies with the legal obligations of public hospital districts in Washington state, with respect to the provision family planning and reproductive health services as follows:
 - If a public hospital district provides, directly or by contact, maternity care benefits, services, or information to women, the public hospital district is required by state law to also provide women with substantially equivalent benefits, services, or information to permit them to voluntarily terminate their pregnancies. Therefore, a public hospital district that provides maternity care, to include delivery services, may not prohibit abortions from being performed in its facilities. No person may be discriminated against in employment or professional privileges because of the person's participation or refusal to participate in the termination of a pregnancy.

- IV. **PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS OF POLICY:**
 - Maternity services are offered to all patients of Summit Pacific Medical Center.
 - SPMC provides referral information for maternity services, and shall provide similar referral information for abortions.