



**Subject:** Response to Request for Reproductive Health Care Policy

Providence Health & Services provides high quality health care to everyone that comes to us for care. Patient safety is our number one priority. Reproductive health care includes many services and treatments that are unique, so we do not have formal policies that direct all of reproductive health care as an entire field of care. Reassuring the patients and families we serve is important to us, so we want you to know that, rooted in our Mission, tradition, ethics and science that:

- When it comes to complex pregnancies, clinicians at Providence exercise their best medical judgment and adhere to best practices and standards of care in the community to ensure safe, quality care for the patient.
- In circumstances wherein a woman's life is in danger such as in an ectopic pregnancy, providers at Providence follow best practices of surgical and non-surgical treatment options.
- While we believe sexual assault is not related to reproductive health care but instead is a social justice issue, it is important to know that providing assistance and support to victims of sexual assault, including emergency contraception when indicated, is our priority in Providence emergency departments as a part of our protocol to provide needed care.