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**Division of Health Care Quality
Hospital Affirmations
Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2005
An Act Providing Timely Access to Emergency Contraception**

The Hospital affirms that the Emergency Department is:

- 1) Providing the medically and factually accurate written information prepared by the Commissioner of Public Health about emergency contraception to all persons who provide care to victims of sexual assault;
- 2) Promptly providing the medically and factually accurate written information about emergency contraception prepared by the Commissioner of Public Health to every female rape victim of childbearing age who presents at a facility after a rape; and
- 3) Promptly offering emergency contraception to each female rape victim of childbearing age and initiating emergency contraception upon her request.

The Hospital also affirms that:

- 1) The Emergency Department offers emergency contraceptive pills rather than a prescription to the female rape victim of childbearing age.
- 2) Neither the hospital nor its staff requires any female rape victim of childbearing age to complete any part of a sexual assault evidence collection kit as a condition of any of the following:
 - The provision of medically and factually accurate written information about emergency contraception;
 - The prompt offering of emergency contraception; or
 - The initiation of emergency contraception.
- 3) If the Emergency Department does not initiate emergency contraception upon the request of the female rape victim of childbearing age, the contraindication(s) for non-initiation are documented in the patient's medical record and are based on best clinical practice and information (such as American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice Bulletin, 69, 2005; or World Health Organization Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use, Third edition, 2004).

Signature

Date

Title

Hospital