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Subject: Right to Receive Adequate and Appropriate Care

Dear Hospital Administrator,

Due to recent federal action taken and guidance issued, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs reminds you that the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) remains in force, including its requirement to provide screening and appropriate follow up care. In addition, Michigan has state authority that is not preempted by the federal government related to reproductive health.

In accordance with Section 20201 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20201, any state-licensed health facility or agency, including hospitals, are required to provide adequate and appropriate care to patients or residents seeking services, including services related and necessary to reproductive health. While we also recognize that state-licensed health facilities and agencies are not required to admit a patient for the purpose of performing an abortion (see MCL 333.20181), they are still required to offer adequate and appropriate care for the services they provide.

We seek to continue our work with each hospital to protect the health, safety, and welfare of every individual seeking necessary services in Michigan, including those services related to reproductive health.

We thank you and your team for your dedication and commitment to providing necessary and quality health care services in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Bureau of Community and Health Systems