

Title 4A
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FOR CARE OTHER THAN HEALTH CARE

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4A.10.010 Purpose – liberal construction – scope - intent.

A. This chapter is enacted as an exercise of the Board of Health powers of King County to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare. Its provisions shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of these purposes.

B. It is the intent of this chapter to place the obligation of complying with its requirements upon limited service pregnancy centers designated by this chapter within its scope, and any provisions of or term used in this chapter is not intended to impose any duty whatsoever upon Public Health – Seattle & King County or any of its officers or employees, for whom the implementation or enforcement of this chapter shall be discretionary and not mandatory. (R&R 17-04 § 4, 2017).

4A.10.020 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:

A. "Health care facility" means a hospital, clinic, nursing home, laboratory, office, or similar place where a licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized health care provider conducts functions that make it governed by chapter 70.02 RCW.

B. "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health condition of a client.

C. "Limited service pregnancy center" means a facility that is not a health care facility and whose primary purpose is to provide pregnancy related services and options counseling; and that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. The facility offers obstetric ultrasounds;
2. The facility offers pregnancy testing; and
3. The facility has staff or volunteers who collect health information from clients. (R&R 18-05 § 1, 2018; R&R 17-04 § 5, 2017).

4A.10.030 Disclosure – required - manner.

A. A limited service pregnancy center shall publish on site, and on the home page of its website, the following notice in the same language or languages normally used by the limited service pregnancy center in the regular course of business: "This facility is not a health care facility."

B. The on-site notice shall be on a sign at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches, written in at least forty-eight-point type, and shall be posted at the entrance of the facility and in the areas where persons wait to receive services, in a manner that is clearly visible. The notice shall not contain other statements or markings.

C. The notice on the home page of the limited service pregnancy center's website shall be included so that it is easily viewable.

D. The director of Public Health – Seattle & King County shall make available a downloadable on-site notice, and examples of how to make the home page notice easily viewable, on the Public Health – Seattle & King County Internet web site. (R&R 18-05 § 2, 2018; R&R 17-04 § 6, 2017).

4A.10.040 Enforcement - penalties.

A. The director of Public Health – Seattle & King County may utilize BOH chapter 1.08 to enforce the requirements of this chapter, consistent with subsection B. of this section.

B. An entity violating this chapter is subject to a civil penalty of up to one hundred dollars. Each day upon which a violation occurs or is permitted to continue constitutes a separate violation. (R&R 17-04 § 7, 2017).