



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Health Standards Section

MEMO – Sent via Fax/E-mail

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To: Licensed Outpatient Abortion Facilities

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Re: Notice of Requirements of Act 280 of the 2019 Regular Session under R.S. 40:2175.7(A)(1)-(2)

Any mandatory reporter to law enforcement, as defined in R.S. 40:2175.3, who has cause to believe that a minor or adult female who presents at an outpatient abortion facility is a victim of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, rape, incest, or coerced abortion, shall report such crime immediately (or no later than the end of the business day) to the sheriff's department in the parish or local police department where the outpatient abortion facility is located. If the victim does not reside in the parish where the outpatient abortion facility is located, the mandatory reporter to law enforcement shall also report the crime to the law enforcement agency in the parish or county in which the victim resides, if reasonably ascertainable.

Please note that a mandatory reporter as defined in R.S. 40:2175.3 may use this included/attached form to report to applicable sheriff's department(s) or local police department(s). However, this form is not required. A mandatory reporter to law enforcement may utilize other reporting methods, such as reporting by telephone, to comply with the requirements of Act 280 of the 2019 Regular Session. However, maintaining documentation of such reporting is required and the outpatient abortion facility shall have a policy and procedure in place related to the reporting requirements pursuant to Act 280 of the 2019 Regular Session. This form, if your facility chooses to use it, may be found at the following Health Standards Directory webpage link:

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/directory/detail/678/catid/154>

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the HSS Program Manager for your facility. Contact information for the Program Manager may be found at the above link.