



Pregnancy Information Disclosure and Protection Ordinance Rule

Pursuant to an Ordinance of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford “Amending Chapter 17 of the Hartford Municipal Code To Add Article VI – Pregnancy Information Disclosure And Protection”, the Department of Health and Human Services issues the following Rule.

Specifically, Sec. 17-140 of the Ordinance of the City of Hartford requires that each pregnancy service center, as defined in the Ordinance, shall be required to disclose information regarding the services it provides in a manner “determined in accordance with rules promulgated by the City Department of Health and Human Services” as follows:

Sec. 17-140-1. Required Disclosures

- (a) Every pregnancy services center shall display at its facility(s), signs provided by the Department of Health and Human Services stating in English and Spanish: **“This facility does not have a licensed medical provider on site to provide or supervise all services” (Este centro no tiene un proveedor médico con licencia disponible para proporcionar o supervisar todos los servicios.)**
- (b) The Department will provide the sign on its website for downloading by pregnancy services centers. Each sign shall measure eleven (11) inches by seventeen (17) inches and the lettering shall be one inch high.
- (c) Every pregnancy services center shall post at least one of the signs in English and Spanish in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the pregnancy services center.
- (d) Every pregnancy services center must post the signs at every public entrance. If the pregnancy services center is located in an office building or other structure containing two or more independent units, the signs must be posted at each entrance used exclusively for entry to the pregnancy services center. The sign must be (1) posted on the outside of the entrance door and so that the distance from the top of the sign to the floor is between sixty-six (66) and seventy (70) inches and the distance between the frame of the door and the closest edge of the sign is not more than twelve (12) inches; (2) clearly and conspicuously visible to the client as she or he enters the pregnancy services center; and (3) laminated or protected by a clear sheeting or other suitable material so that the text will not be destroyed, soiled, distorted, or rendered illegible.
- (e) Every pregnancy services center shall post at least one sign in English and Spanish in any area where clients wait to receive services. If the waiting area contains a reception desk, the sign must be posted on the reception desk or on a wall at a location not greater than twelve (12)

inches from the reception desk. If the sign is posted on a wall, it shall be posted so that the distance from the top of the sign to the floor is between sixty-six (66) and seventy (70) inches. Each sign shall be laminated or protected by a clear sheeting or other suitable material so that the text will not be destroyed, soiled, distorted, or rendered illegible.

- (f) Every pregnancy services center shall post the required disclosure in English and Spanish in a conspicuous manner in at least a 14 pt. font size on the front page of its website.
- (g) Whenever a client or prospective client requests, either in person or by telephone communication, any of the following services: (1) abortion; (2) emergency contraception; or (3) prenatal care, every pregnancy services center shall orally disclose that its **“facility does not have a licensed medical provider on site to provide or supervise all services” (Este centro no tiene un proveedor médico con licencia disponible para proporcionar o supervisar todos los servicios.)**

This Rule shall be effective October 1, 2018.