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Abortion Policy

SCOPE

This policy applies to all PeaceHealth settings and services in the locations checked below:

	Ambulatory Surgery Center	✓	PeaceHealth Medical Group
✓	Cottage Grove Medical Center	✓	Sacred Heart RiverBend
✓	Ketchikan Medical Center	✓	Southwest Medical Center
✓	Ketchikan Long Term Care	✓	St. John Medical Center
✓	Peace Harbor Medical Center	✓	St. Joseph Medical Center
✓	Peace Island Medical Center		System Services Center
✓	PeaceHealth Home & Community	✓	United General Medical Center
	PeaceHealth Laboratories		

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide PeaceHealth's position on abortion.

POLICY

PeaceHealth does not participate in direct abortions. PeaceHealth allows the indirect termination of a pregnancy resulting from a direct intervention to cure a serious pathological condition that puts the mother's life at risk or puts the mother at risk of irreversible complications or impairment of a bodily function, organ, or part. (See ERDs 45, 47, and 49)

HELP

Further guidance may be obtained by contacting Mission Service by phone at (360) 729-1295.

REFERENCES

- Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, United State Conference of Catholic Bishops, Seventh Edition, issued November 2025. [\[ERDs-7th-ed-Approved_2025-11-12.pdf\]](#)

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Contraception Policy

SCOPE

This policy applies to all PeaceHealth settings and services in the locations checked below:

Ambulatory Surgery Center	PeaceHealth Medical Group
Cottage Grove Medical Center	Sacred Heart RiverBend
Ketchikan Medical Center	Southwest Medical Center
Ketchikan Long Term Care	St. John Medical Center
Peace Harbor Medical Center	St. Joseph Medical Center
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PeaceHealth Laboratories	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide PeaceHealth's position on contraception.

POLICY

PeaceHealth does not promote contraception, permanent or temporary. Medically indicated exceptions may be necessary for the well-being of persons and to enable PeaceHealth to contribute to the health of the communities served.

PeaceHealth makes natural family planning information available to persons who inquire about contraceptive services. (See weblinks in Resources below.) PeaceHealth values informed consent,

freedom of conscience, and the privacy of the provider-patient relationship. (See ERD 52)

HELP

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RELATED MATERIAL

Resources:

Washington State:

- <https://archseattle.org/>

Oregon:

- <https://archdpdx.org/>

Alaska:

- <https://aoaj.org/>

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