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Special Notice for Patients Seeking Medication Abortion Health Care

After careful consideration, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has made the difficult decision to **suspend medication (nonsurgical) abortion services until further notice** as a result of concern over new restrictions signed into law (Act 217) by Governor Walker on April 5, 2012 and put into effect today. **Planned Parenthood will continue to provide surgical abortions.**

Act 217 interferes with the patient-doctor relationship and places an unprecedented burden on Wisconsin women and doctors. Under this new law, women seeking medication abortion would be required to make at least three separate visits to the same medical provider. Doctors who fail to follow the new legislatively-prescribed procedures - even if they conflict with established medical standards of care- would be at risk of felony criminal penalties.

Planned Parenthood will continue to be here to provide you-our patients-with compassionate and quality reproductive health care services without judgment.

Sincerely,

Teri Huyck
President and CEO Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin