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Janice Thomas
VP of Patient Services & Research
Reproductive Health Services of Planned Parenthood
4251 Forest Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108

Via email to Janice.Thomas@ppslr.org

Re: Proposed complication plan for Springfield, Missouri facility

Dear Ms. Thomas:

The proposed complication plan submitted by Reproductive Health Services of Planned Parenthood for the Springfield facility on January 8, 2018, does not meet the requirements of Section 188.021, RSMo, and 19 CSR 30-30.061 in that:

The plan states that Dr. Grebe, a board-certified OB/GYN, will provide medical abortions in Springfield and treat the complications whenever possible. Whenever not possible, the plan states that either Dr. David Eisenberg or Dr. Orrin Moore respectively will personally treat complications at the Reproductive Health Services (RHS) facility in St. Louis or at a Comprehensive Health facility in Overland Park, Kansas. Dr. Eisenberg and the RHS facility are located over three hours driving time from the Springfield facility. Dr. Moore and the Overland Park facility are located over two-and-a-half hours driving time from the Springfield facility. As a result, neither Dr. Moore nor Dr. Eisenberg will be available to personally treat all complications in Dr. Grebe's absence, and patients who are not experiencing immediately life-threatening complications will be referred to the emergency room.

Additionally, the proposed plan fails to recognize the importance of the physician-patient relationship by providing for continuity of care and ensuring communication among the physician who induced the abortion and all subsequent health care providers involved in treating the patient's complication.

Because the facility's proposed plan does not meet the requirements of Section 188.021, RSMo, and 19 CSR 30-30.061, the Department cannot approve the plan. Accordingly, the Department cannot issue the facility a license until an approved plan is in place (and all other deficiencies have been corrected).

If the facility wishes to submit a new or revised plan, please send it to the Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Ambulatory Care, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or by email to John.Langston@health.mo.gov by April 15, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Langston".

John Langston
Administrator
Bureau of Ambulatory Care

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