



Planned Parenthood agrees not to perform abortions in Louisville pending survey

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Planned Parenthood opened a location on 7th Street in December 2015. (Source: WAVE 3 News)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - After coming under attack by Kentucky's governor, the Planned Parenthood facility on 7th Street says it will "refrain from performing any abortion procedures" until a survey of the facility has been conducted by Matt Bevin's Office.

[The response](#) came Friday after the Office of the Inspector General gave Planned Parenthood a letter on Thursday to stop performing abortions immediately or be fined \$1,000 a day.

On its website, the facility advertises in-clinic abortions. But the Office of the Inspector General said Louisville's Planned Parenthood does not have its ducks in a row to do so. The problem? The application.

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In the letter, the Inspector General claims the application did not specify the facility's address and which hospital they have an agreement with to bring a patient in case of complications. They also claim that the person who signed the paperwork doesn't state a title.

The document also sites a problem with the agreement between LMEMS to transport a patient, since the address of the 7th Street facility was specified.

"They are unlicensed, they are doing it knowingly they are going to be brought to justice on this front," Governor Matt Bevin said.

So, are they an unlicensed facility? That's not technically true.

According to Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Service, [Planned Parenthood does have a license to operate as Special Health Clinic until July 31, 2016](#). But the Cabinet does not have that Planned Parenthood location listed as an abortion clinic.

Planned Parenthood said Thursday it filed for the application under the guidance of the Office of the Inspector General.

There is one other facility in Louisville, EMW that does perform abortions. The director said the number of people getting abortions are down, not only in Louisville, but across the country because of contraception now being covered by insurance. They said they support Planned Parenthood for all the other services for women they offer.

The Center for Disease Control states the abortion rate for 2012 was 13.2 percent per 1,000 women for ages 15-44. Most of those abortions were performed were within the first trimester. That was a 4 percent decrease from 2011.

According to the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation, there is a 4.5 percent abortion rate per 1,000 women ages 15-44. They also state 11.3 percent of abortions performed in Kentucky were for people who lived out of state.

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