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Durham abortion clinic owner plans to re-open after closure for rule violations

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DURHAM —

The owner of an abortion clinic in Durham said he plans to take corrective action to re-open the clinic after it was closed Friday by a N.C. Division of Health and Human Services section.

The Baker Clinic for Women had opened in January and was the only certified abortion clinic in the city. Its certification was revoked Friday as a result of a survey by the state department's Acute and Home Care Licensure Section that found quality control problems with the way the clinic was doing a blood test.

According to the notice, the clinic failed to perform quality control tests for more than 108 patients who had received Rh(D) tests and failed to follow manufacturer's instructions for the test, among other violations.

The agency's notice said it found the clinic failed to provide the services to assure the health, safety and welfare of its clients.

While the clinic has 60 days to appeal, Dr. John Baker, the clinic's owner, said he doesn't plan to appeal.

"It is what it is; we're not contesting the fact that we didn't do this," he said. "We don't want to get into that. We want to take proper corrective actions."

Baker said the test involves putting two drops of blood on a slide. A drop of test solution is put on one drop to see if a patient is positive or negative for having Rh (D), a marker that is on most people's red blood cells.

Baker said a control that is meant to deliver the same result each time is supposed to be used to validate the test. Baker said the control is meant to show if something is wrong with the testing solutions if the result of the control test is different than what's expected.

"It's a simple thing, and it's going to be taken care of; it's already in the process of being taken care of," Baker said. "I'm doing everything I can do to respond to the survey and do the correction actions that they ... asked of me," he added.