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North Carolina Abortion Clinic Shut Down: "Poses Danger to Women's Health"

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Abortion advocates talk about protecting women's health, but an abortion clinic in North Carolina that has been shut down by state officials because it is putting women's health in danger.

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As pro-life blogger Bruce Carroll reports

(<https://www.thetarheelreport.com/2013/07/durham-abortion-clinic-shut-down-by-state-for-safety-concerns/>):

According to news reports

(<https://www.wncn.com/story/22782978/durham-abortion-clinic>), the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services suspended The Baker Clinic for Women's

(<https://bakerclinicforwomen.com/>) certificate of operation last Friday based on conditions at the abortion clinic "present an imminent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the clients and that emergency action is required to protect the clients."

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content/uploads/2013/07/closdsign2b.gif) Senate President Phil Berger issued this statement about the Baker Clinic today: "This is exactly the type of substandard 'medical' care threatening women's health that we intended to fight with the legislation we passed last week. We respect that the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade makes it the law of the land. But it defies logic how any politician – from either party – could oppose higher safety and sanitation standards for women's clinics."

According to WNCN.com

(<https://www.wncn.com/story/22782978/durham-abortion-clinic>), officials with the Acute and Home Care Licensure and

Certification Section of DHHS surveyed the Baker Clinic and found numerous violations.

The survey revealed that the facility failed to perform adequate quality control in blood banking. The Baker Clinic was found to have failed to perform quality control testing on 108 patients that received Rh(D) (Rhesus) testing.

In severe cases, Rhesus disease can lead to stillbirth. In other instances, Rhesus can result in learning difficulties for the child, deafness, anemia, jaundice or blindness.

The Baker Clinic for Women has 60 days to appeal the suspension.

After state officials temporarily closed a filthy abortion clinic earlier this year, state legislators in the North Carolina Senate last week approved a bill that would hold abortion facilities to stricter limits (<https://www.lifenews.com/2013/07/03/north-carolina-senate-passes-bill-that-could-close-filthy-abortion-clinics/>).

Abortion backers oppose the bill because they say other abortion clinics may not be able to comply and could be forced to close down. Planned Parenthood said its four centers may be forced to close.

The Family, Faith and Freedom Protection Act

(<https://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/HTML/H695v4.html>) would place limits on the funding of abortions by any health plan that received public money, would require clinics to meet more stringent physical standards, would require doctors performing abortions to be physically present during the entire procedure, would ban the possibility of sex-selective abortion and fine abortion practitioners for doing such abortions. It would also allow any health care provider to not participate in abortion-related procedures.

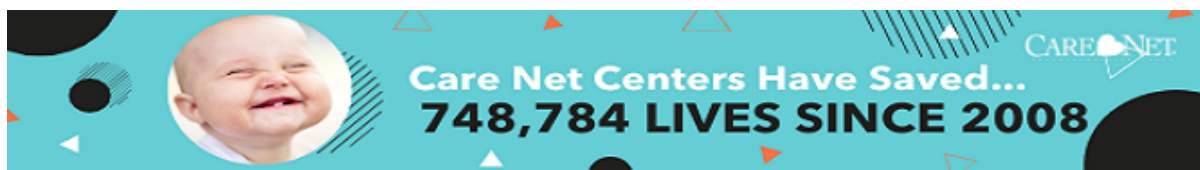
Last month, North Carolina officials allowed a southeast Charlotte abortion clinic to reopen (<https://www.lifenews.com/2013/05/15/filthy-abortion-clinic-after-gosnell-conviction-slated-to-reopen/>), but vow they will closely monitor operations at A Preferred Woman's Health Center. The abortion clinic was shut down in early May (<https://www.lifenews.com/2013/05/15/filthy-abortion-clinic-after-gosnell-conviction-slated-to-reopen/>), the second time the clinic has lost its license.

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The first occasion was in February 2007, when, as the Charlotte Observer reported, "state investigators found as many as 16 safety and regulatory issues at the clinic, according to a letter DHHS sent the clinic."

More recently, investigators found that staffers were administering methotrexate (an abortifacient) in liquid form (<https://www.lifenews.com/2013/06/01/north-carolina-officials-vow-to-closely-monitor-charlotte-abortion-clinic/>). The regimen requires that methotrexate be injected or taken in pill form.

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