



# Columbia County Health System

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**PURPOSE:**

To define what reproductive health services are provided by Columbia County Health System (CCHS), which includes Dayton General Hospital (DGH), Booker Rest Home and Annex, Columbia Family Clinic and Waitsburg Clinic

**POLICY:**

CCHS complies with the Reproductive Privacy Act which states that if an organization provides maternity care benefits, services or information, it must also provide substantially equivalent pregnancy termination benefits, services or information.

CCHS complies with hospital licensing regulations regarding policies on reproductive health care which require that a copy of its reproductive health care policy be posted on its website.

CCHS is committed to the provision of necessary health care to persons seeking services within applicable laws and regulations, regardless of race, color, religion or ancestry, national origin, handicap, or ability to pay for services.

CCHS does not provide obstetrical services. Therefore, obstetrical services can only be provided in the case of an emergency. Per CCHS Admissions Policy, DGH does not admit obstetrical patients:

*Patients for whom labor and delivery is anticipated will be stabilized and transferred to an appropriate institution which provides obstetrical services and has agreed to receive the patient, provided that the patient's condition has been assessed as likely to arrive at the receiving facility in time to deliver there.*

Patients presenting to DGH or a CCHS Clinic seeking obstetrical services, pre-natal care or pregnancy termination services will be referred and/or provided with information as appropriate for obtaining the care of their choice.