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23-5-151. Abortion medication access - student health centers - data privacy - definitions.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Abortion medication" means a prescription drug or a combination of prescription drugs used to terminate the pregnancy of an individual known or reasonably believed to be pregnant.

(b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education, as defined in section 23-18-102 (10)(a); a local district college, as defined in section 23-71-102; a private institution of higher education, as defined in section 23-18-102 (9); and a participating private institution of higher education, as defined in section 23-18-102 (8).

(c) "Legally protected health-care activity" has the meaning set forth in section 12-30-121 (1)(d).

(d) "Other outlet" has the meaning set forth in section 12-280-103.

(e) "Prescription drug outlet" has the meaning set forth in section 12-280-103.

(f) "Student health center" means a health clinic or health-care facility located on an institution's campus that provides primary care services or reproductive health-care services to students enrolled at the institution.

(2) On and after August 1, 2027, an institution that operates a student health center shall provide access to abortion medication to all students enrolled at the institution. Access to abortion medication must be provided in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice.

(3)

(a) If an institution's student health center includes an on-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet, the institution's on-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet must maintain a stock of abortion medication and provide access to abortion medication to students enrolled at the institution at a physical location on the institution's campus, which may include:

(I) The on-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet;

(II) The student health center, through a health-care provider licensed to dispense abortion medication; or

(III) Another physical location on the institution's campus where students enrolled at the institution customarily access prescription medications.

(b) A student enrolled at an institution may elect to fill a prescription for abortion medication at an off-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet that is unaffiliated with the institution or otherwise seek abortion care from a health-care provider that is unaffiliated with the institution.

(c) Nothing in this subsection (3) prohibits an institution that has an on-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet from utilizing telehealth services or from contracting with an external health-care provider to ensure student access to abortion medication.

(4) If an institution's student health center does not include an on-site prescription drug outlet or other outlet, the student health center shall make abortion medication available to students enrolled at the institution either by:

(a) Submitting a prescription for abortion medication to be filled at an off-campus prescription drug outlet or other outlet; or

(b) Dispensing abortion medication through a provider on staff at the student health center, if permitted by the student health center's licensure.

(5) Except as otherwise required by federal law or valid court order issued by a court of this state, an institution shall not knowingly provide personally identifiable information contained in a student's patient records, billing records, or precise location data related to a legally protected health-care activity in response to a request from another state seeking to impose liability for the legally protected health-care activity. An institution shall maintain personally identifiable information in compliance with the laws of this state, including limitations on information disclosure pursuant to section 24-116-102.

(6) A professional liability insurer must not cancel, refuse to renew, or increase premiums on a policy covering an institution as a result of the institution's compliance with this section.

(7) This section does not:

(a) Permit an institution or health-care provider to violate applicable federal law or regulation, including the United States food and drug administration's regulations;

(b) Require an individual or entity to act in violation of a valid court order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(c) Require an institution's student health center to provide access to or stock abortion medication if doing so is contrary to the institution's sincerely held religious beliefs or practices;

(d) Require a health-care provider, institution, or student health center to provide access to or stock abortion medication if doing so would violate federal law or regulations or would jeopardize an institution's federal grant participation;

(e) Require an institution or a student health center to deviate from generally accepted billing practices; or

(f) Modify the generally accepted standards of medical practice in this state or prohibit a health-care provider from making a referral to another health-care provider or health-care facility when, in the health-care provider's clinical judgement, a student's individual circumstances require the referral.

History

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Annotations

Research References & Practice Aids

Hierarchy Notes:

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State Notes

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Cross references:

For the legislative declaration in HB 26-1335, see section 1 of chapter 164, Session Laws of Colorado 2026.

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