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HEALTH DATA RELEASE POLICY

SYSTEM NAME: Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITP) Statistical System

DESCRIPTION: This health data release policy applies to the release of data from the induced termination of pregnancy statistical system. By law (TCA 68-3-505), each induced termination of pregnancy which occurs in Tennessee shall be reported to the Office of Vital Records. Data for each induced termination of pregnancy occurring in Tennessee is captured and computerized from reports submitted by facilities and physicians. Copies of reports of induced termination of pregnancy performed on Tennessee residents in other states are provided to Tennessee, through the Vital Records Exchange System Agreement, and added to the data file; and Tennessee provides copies of Tennessee induced termination of pregnancy reports of non-residents to the jurisdiction of usual residence through the same agreement. The records from other states are provided voluntarily and some states choose not to share their information.

Included in Tennessee's reported data are pregnancy history, demographic information (place of residence, race, age, marital status, and Hispanic origin), and general information (date, place, and procedure that terminated pregnancy). The following information from the induced termination of pregnancy report is not captured or maintained on the induced termination of pregnancy data system: education of woman, date of last normal menses, additional procedures used for the termination, and name of attending physician.

GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY: Induced termination of pregnancy data will be released only in an aggregate presentation and only at the Tennessee Department of Health's county, regional and state levels. Aggregated data will include reports of induced termination of pregnancies that occurred in Tennessee or to Tennessee residents irrespective of where the induced termination of pregnancy occurred and will include only tabulations of marital status, previous pregnancies, gestational age, age of woman (grouped data only), and race of woman. No data will be provided for geographical units of less than 20,000 population per the HIPAA privacy rule 45 CFR§ 164.514(b)(2)(i). Per the Department of Health's Policy for Release of Aggregated Data, counts will not be presented if the number of persons in any race category or age group is less than 50.

Other aggregate data may be made available to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as requested for inclusion in national statistics.

INFORMATION NOT ACCESSIBLE: Individual-level induced termination of pregnancy records or data cannot be released to the public in any form (TCA 39-15-203). All data captured from each induced termination of pregnancy report is considered confidential. Access to individual-level data provided to Tennessee by other states for events that occurred outside of Tennessee to residents of Tennessee should be sought from the state where the induced termination of pregnancy occurred. Names of licensed entities providing induced termination of pregnancy services will not be released to the public. Provisional induced termination of pregnancy data will not be released to the public in any form as all induced termination of pregnancy reports may not be included and some data elements within individual reports could be changed prior to the file being designated as "final".

CHARGE POLICY: Aggregate induced termination of pregnancy data will be provided without charge.

PROVISION OF DATA: All data tables will be supplied on paper or in an electronic format.

LEGAL BASIS: TCA §39-15-203, §68-3-206, §68-3-505 and §68-11-303; Rule 1200-7- 1-.07.

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