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To: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

The mandate of the Department of Health and Hospitals is to protect and improve the well-being of Louisiana women, men, and families. However, the “Declaration of Emergency” issued last November without public comment or a clear need, raises questions of the motivations of the department and its commitment to guaranteeing the medical needs of Louisianans.

These regulations will make it nearly impossible for women to access safe, constitutionally-protected medical care, a right that has been guaranteed in our state for over 40 years.

Women and families in Louisiana deserve quality, affordable and accessible healthcare. Nearly one in three women nationwide obtain an abortion at some point in their lives. The women who call the New Orleans Abortion Fund desperately seeking assistance look very much like the “average” woman in Louisiana: most are already mothers, church-going, and seeking to preserve their academic, career, and familial futures.

The proposed rules will hurt these women. The regulations are medically unnecessary, prohibitively expensive to implement, and make it nearly impossible for the clinic to care for patients in the most medically-appropriate manner. I urge the DHH to adopt commonsense revisions to these policies and to put women’s health first.

Sincerely,
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