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## Reproductive Health Care

### POLICY:

Lourdes Health Network (Lourdes), a member of Ascension Health responds to the health care needs of the community in a Christian spirit. Respect for life, support of individual dignity, and pursuit of patient wellbeing are Christian values central to the mission of Lourdes. The mission of Lourdes is an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus.

Care for all persons is consistent with Lourdes corporate obligations, policies, and its moral and religious beliefs, and in keeping with the values and principles inherent in the medical-moral teaching of the Catholic Church as promulgated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the local Ordinary under which this institution operates.

Lourdes is committed to the human dignity of every person from its very beginning and does not approve any medical practice that undermines the biological, psychological, and moral bonds on which the strength of marriage and the family depend.

Lourdes provides prenatal, obstetric, and postnatal services for mothers and their children in a manner consistent with its mission.

### REFERENCES:

"Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services", National Conference of Catholic Bishop, July, 2001.

# Approval Signatures

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