



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Health Standards Section

August 2, 2022

CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURNED RECEIPT REQUEST # 7014 2120 0004 2567 1631
Via Email and USPS: admin@whccno.com

Women's Health Care Center, Inc.
Attn: Shemka Russell, Administrator
2701 General Pershing St.
New Orleans, LA 70115

Re: IMMEDIATE CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE
Outpatient Abortion Facility – License #03

Dear Ms. Russell,

Please be advised, that Act 2022, No. 545 (Act 545) of the Regular Session is **effective as of August 1, 2022.** Pursuant to R.S. 40:2175.9(A)(1), enacted by Act 545, this letter is your official notification to **immediately CEASE AND DESIST** providing services as an outpatient abortion facility (OAF or facility) **AT ALL LOCATIONS** that Women's Health Care Center, Inc. may be providing outpatient abortion facility services. Further, Women's Health Care Center, Inc. is **immediately prohibited** from accepting new outpatient abortion facility clients.

In accordance with Act 545, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH or the Department) shall order all outpatient abortion facilities be closed and the facility shall immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** performing abortions because the Human Life Protection Act, R.S. 40:1061 has been enacted, and the practice of abortion in Louisiana has been prohibited by law. Furthermore, Act 545 states that any person who violates a cease and desist order of the secretary after it has become final and while such order is in effect shall, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the court, be ordered by the court to forfeit and pay to the attorney general a sum not less than ten thousand (10,000) dollars nor more than fifty thousand (50,000) dollars per violation. Each abortion performed in violation of this cease and desist order issued pursuant to Act 545 shall constitute a separate violation.

For your convenience, links to and/or copies of Act 545, the First Circuit Court of Appeal Order in *June Medical Services, LLC, et al versus Landry, et al Case. No. _2022 CW*

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0806 (*La. Ct. Ap. 1st Cir. 2022*), and the Judgment granting Suspensive Appeal, are attached below:

1. Act 545- <http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1289698>
2. First Circuit Court of Appeal Order in *June Medical Services LLC, et al versus Landry, et al*, Case No. _ 2022 CW 0806 (*La. Ct. Ap. 1st Cir. 2022*) - [https://www.la-fcca.org/opiniongrid/opinionpdf/2022 CW 0806 Decision Writ.pdf](https://www.la-fcca.org/opiniongrid/opinionpdf/2022%20CW%200806%20Decision%20Writ.pdf)
3. Judgment rendered July 29, 2022 and signed by Judge Donald Johnson of the 19th Judicial District Court- *June Medical Services, et al versus Landry, et al*, Case No. 720988, Div. B. Sec. 24.- see attached.

Sincerely,



Tasheka Dukes, RN,
Deputy Assistant Secretary
LDH, Health Standards Section

Cc: LDH Bureau of Legal Services