



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Governor Asa Hutchinson  
Nathaniel Smith, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health

April 10, 2020

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RE: Healthcare Facility Complaint Survey  
Conducted April 7, 2020

Dear Administrator:

We recently completed an unannounced investigation of your facility following the receipt of a complaint. The investigation was conducted on April 7, 2020, by personnel from Health Facility Services and included a review of medical records and facility staff interviews.

That investigation did not reveal any deficiencies with respect to the rules for abortion facilities in Arkansas.

However, your facility is in violation of the April 3, 2020 Arkansas Department of Health [Directive](#) on Elective Surgeries. That directive was posted on the ADH's website on April 3, 2020, and a copy was mailed to your facility on Monday, April 6, 2020. The April 3 Directive mandates the postponement of all procedures that are not immediately medically necessary during the COVID-19 emergency. That prohibition applies to surgical abortions that are not immediately necessary to protect the life or health of the patient.

Your facility was found to be performing surgical abortions that are not immediately necessary to protect the life or health of the patient, and your facility is therefore in violation of the April 3 Directive. Your facility is required to postpone such procedures until after the COVID-19 emergency has ended and the April 3 Directive is withdrawn.

Accordingly, your facility is ordered to immediately cease and desist the performance of surgical abortions, except where immediately necessary to protect the life or health of the patient. Any further violations of the April 3 Directive will result in an immediate suspension of your facility's license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Bennett".

Becky Bennett  
Section Chief, Health Facility Services