

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana to adhere to certain procedures if a person, male or female, presents himself or herself or is presented for treatment as a victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

New law retains existing law and requires that the victim be provided with information about emergency contraception.

New law requires the information about emergency contraception to be developed and made available to all licensed Louisiana hospitals electronically through the La. Dept. of Health's (LDH) website and by paper form upon request to LDH.

New law requires the treating healthcare provider to inform the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital or healthcare facility and, upon the completion of a pregnancy test yielding a negative result, requires the emergency contraception to be provided upon the victim's request.

New law defines "emergency contraception" as only drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with mechanisms of action that likely include the prevention of ovulation, sperm capacitation, or fertilization after sexual intercourse and do not meet the definition of a legend drug as defined in existing law.

New law requires LDH to develop, prepare, and produce informational materials relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution and use in all licensed hospitals in this state.

New law requires LDH, in collaboration with community sexual assault programs and other appropriate stakeholders, to approve informational materials from other sources for the purposes of new law.

New law establishes certain requirements for the informational materials required by new law.

Effective January 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(G); Adds R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(10))