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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Commissioner



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VIA: eRegulations system

June 4, 2024

Legislative Regulations Review Committee
Room 011, State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Regulation Concerning Abortions

Dear Senator Kissel, Representative Dathan and Distinguished Committee Members:

In accordance with section 4-170(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Department of Public Health hereby electronically submits to the Committee our above referenced proposed regulation bearing the approval of the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency issued on June 4, 2024. This submission to your Committee has been prepared in the format mandated by your Committee rules issued on January 24, 2023.

These regulations are proposed in order to comply with Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-602. Public Act 22-19 amended § 19a-602 of the Connecticut General Statutes to specify that certified nurse-midwives, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants licensed in the state of Connecticut may provide medication abortion services and abortion procedures. Section 1 of the proposed regulation amends Section 19-13-D54 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to clarify definitions including the definition of medication abortion, comply with the requirements of § 19a-602 of the Connecticut General Statutes to include all licensed providers who may provide abortion services, and revise the subsections on reporting and standards of care to reflect current best practices. Section 1 also incorporates those provisions regarding informed consent, counseling, and emergency preparedness previously located in Section 19a-116-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies that are statutorily required pursuant to § 19a-116 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Section 2 of the proposed regulation repeals Section 19a-116-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to avoid duplication.

The fiscal note prepared in accordance with section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes has been available for review within the eRegulations system. This proposed regulation was properly posted to the eRegulations system and a public comment period was held from August 1, 2023 to September 1, 2023. Public comments were received, and a notice of decision and comment response summary were posted to the eRegulations system on April 24, 2024. Once adopted as final regulation, this proposed regulation will replace policies and procedures currently in effect pursuant to the authority of section 19-493c(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.



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If you have any questions concerning this proposed regulation, please do not hesitate to email Dante Costa at dante.costa@ct.gov. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manisha Juthani".

Manisha Juthani, MD
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