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TO: Chief Executive Officers
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FROM: Katherine Bradley, PhD, RN
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RE: Emergency Contraception Provision of HB 2700

The purpose of this memo is to update you on the implementation of HB 2700 sections relating to the provision of emergency contraception (EC) to sexual assault victims in hospital settings. HB 2700 was voted into law during the Oregon 2007 Legislative Session and has taken effect as of January 1, 2008.

Section 5 (1) of "Enrolled House Bill 2700" states that "A hospital providing care to a female victim of sexual assault shall:

- (a) Promptly provide the victim with unbiased, medically and factually accurate written and oral information about emergency contraception;
- (b) Promptly orally inform the victim of her option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital; and
- (c) If requested by the victim and if not medically contraindicated, provide the victim with emergency contraception immediately at the hospital, notwithstanding section 2, chapter 789, Oregon Laws 2003" (relating to reimbursement for medical assessments for sexual assault victims through the Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund within the Department of Justice)."

Section 5 (2)(a) further states that "...the Department of Human Services shall develop, prepare and produce informational materials relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy in victims of sexual assault for distribution to and use in all hospital emergency departments in the state, in quantities sufficient to comply with the requirements of this section."

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The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), Public Health Division, is promulgating amendments to OAR 333-520-0000 regarding these requirements. A copy of the final rule will follow and can be viewed online at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARs_300/OAR_333/333_tofc.html.

In accordance with the new law, DHS has developed the following enclosed materials for use in your facility:

1. **Pregnancy Protection After Sexual Assault: Emergency Contraception** (patient fact sheet) – must be provided to every female victim of sexual assault of childbearing age who presents at a hospital after a rape.
2. **Pregnancy Protection After Sexual Assault: Your Right to Emergency Contraception** (patient notification poster) – must be posted in exam areas or other appropriate locations where patients can see it.
3. **Emergency Contraception: A Safe and Effective Treatment Option for Sexual Assault Victims** (provider fact sheet) – distribute to appropriate facility staff.

Please note that the patient fact sheet and patient notification poster are provided in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese. Additional copies of these materials can be downloaded and printed from the DHS Website at www.healthoregon.org/fp. Hospitals in need of additional fact sheets may also photocopy the enclosed materials.

Additionally, the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force developed a document entitled, *Guidelines for Sexual Assault Emergency Medical Evaluation*. This document includes protocols for forensic exams and provision of EC to sexual assault victims and can be found at www.oregonsatf.org/resources/medprofresources.html along with other related documents and resources for medical providers.

DHS also supports Oregon's community-based sexual assault victim advocacy programs, which offer professional advocates who respond 24 hours per day at hospitals and other safe locations to support, inform and accompany sexual assault patients and/or their friends or family. Hospital staff may request a professional advocate by calling a program from a list posted online at <http://oregonsatf.org/resources/victimservices.html> or by calling 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673), the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN).

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this letter or these materials, please contact Judy Andreasen, Women's and Reproductive Health Section, at 971-673-0355 in Portland, OR between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. PDT.

Cc: County Health Department Administrators and Health Officers
Family Planning Coordinators

Enclosures