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RE: The Montana Public Policy Center comment on proposed Abortion Clinic License Rules

Dear Department of Public Health and Human Services,

The Montana Public Policy Center “MPPC” applauds the new proposed rules from the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) on abortion clinic licenses. These commonsense rules strengthen the safety of women across the state of Montana.

Facilities that are performing life changing procedures need to have the resources that any other medical facility would provide. This is commonsense and should not be viewed as controversial. It is unthinkable that women who are receiving these services could need continuing care after this procedure and not have proper medical documentation to assist in their treatment with the doctors providing continuing care.

Another important factor in all medical care is informed consent. We applaud these efforts to increase transparency with patients. Parental consent is an equally important part of Dr.- patient transparency. Parents deserve involvement in any life changing decisions that minors make. This is not dissimilar to laws that are in place that prevent minors from getting tattoos without parental consent.

These updates will make Montana safer and stronger for all women.