

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-5-22

## §16-5-22. Reports of abortions.

(a) Each abortion, as defined in §16-2R-2 of this code, which occurs in this state, shall be reported to the section of vital registration no later than the 10th day of the month following the month the procedure was performed by the person in charge of the hospital in which the abortion was performed. The State Registrar shall prepare a form or provide a suitable electronic process for the transmission of the reports from the institution or physician to the section of vital registration. Information to be collected shall include:

- (1) The gestational age of the fetus;
- (2) The state and county of residence of the patient;
- (3) The age of the patient;
- (4) The type of medical or surgical procedure performed;
- (5) The method of payment for the procedure;
- (6) Whether birth defects were known, and if so, what birth defects;
- (7) The date the abortion was performed;
- (8) The exception contained in §16-2R-3 of this code under which the abortion was performed; and
- (9) Related information as required by the commissioner, other applicable sections of this code, or by the legislative rule: *Provided*, That:
  - (A) No personal identifiers, including, but not limited to, name, street address, city, zip code, or social security number, will be collected; and
  - (B) Individual records may only be released for research purposes as approved by the state Registrar and may be released in a format designed to further protect the confidentiality of the woman as the state Registrar deems necessary.
- (b) An analysis of the compiled information relating to induced terminations of pregnancy shall be included in the annual report of vital statistics.
- (c) An electronic report of the compiled information under this section shall be provided to the licensing boards of the licensed medical professionals, as defined in §16-2R-2 of this code, and the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability on a quarterly basis.

(d) The provisions of this section do not apply to an termination of an ectopic pregnancy.

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