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2021 Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP) Report

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Specific Requirements of Statute

W.S. § 35-6-107 requires all licensed practitioners in Wyoming to report Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP) and specific abortion procedure information to the State Health Officer. This statute reads:

(a) The state office of vital records services shall establish an abortion reporting form which shall be used after May 27, 1977 for the reporting of every abortion performed or prescribed in this state. The form shall include the following items in addition to the information necessary to complete the form subject to subsection (b) of this section:

(i) The age of the pregnant woman;

(ii) The type of procedure performed or prescribed;

(iii) Complications, if any;

(iv) A summary of the pregnant woman's obstetrical history regarding previous pregnancies, abortions and live births;

(v) The length and weight of the aborted fetus or embryo, when measurable or the gestational age of the aborted fetus or embryo in completed weeks at the time of abortion;

(vi) Type of facility where the abortion is performed (i.e., hospital, clinic, physician's office, or other).

(b) In addition to the requirements provided in subsection (a) of this section, the form shall not contain the name or the address of the pregnant woman or any other common identifiers including a social security number, driver's license number or any other information or identifier that would tend to disclose the identity of the pregnant woman or any other participant other than the reporting physician.

(c) The form shall be completed by the attending physician and submitted to the state health officer as defined in W.S. 9-2-103(e) within twenty (20) days after the abortion is performed. A physician who fails to submit a form under this section within one hundred ten (110) days after an abortion is performed shall be reported to the board of medicine by the state health officer. The board of medicine shall investigate the matter and may take disciplinary action under W.S. 33-26-402(a)(x).

(d) Termination of a pregnancy by natural miscarriage or as a treatment consequence of a natural miscarriage shall not be reported as an abortion pursuant to this section, provided that

the miscarriage was not induced with the intent of terminating the pregnancy. An alleged miscarriage that was induced with the intent of terminating a pregnancy shall be reported as an abortion pursuant to this section.

W.S. § 35-6-108(c) requires the Department of Health Vital Statistics Services (VSS) to report annually on summary statistics from these ITOP reports.

The statute specifically reads:

(c) Not later than June 30 of each year the office of vital records services shall issue a public report providing summary statistics for the previous calendar year compiled from all of the abortion reporting forms from that year submitted in accordance with this section for each of the items listed in W.S. 35-6-107. The report shall also include the statistics for all previous calendar years during which this subsection was in effect, adjusted to reflect any additional information from late or corrected reports. The office shall ensure that no information included in the public reports could reasonably lead to the identification of any woman upon whom an abortion was performed, induced or attempted. The report shall be transmitted to the United States centers for disease control and prevention for the national abortion surveillance report.

Response to Specific Requirements of Statute

In the 2021 reporting year, the VSS received ninety-eight (98) ITOP reports from physicians licensed to practice in Wyoming. These reporting entities are classified as clinics or physician's office, but include both procedures performed in a brick and mortar establishment (78 procedures), and those performed via tele-health (20 procedures).

Table 1, below, shows the total number of form responses by Wyoming resident status. In procedures reported in 2021, sixty-seven (67) ITOP procedures were performed for Wyoming residents; the remaining thirty-one were for non-residents.

Table 1: Procedures by residency status

Residency	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
Resident	26	67	67
Non-Resident	5	22	31
Unknown (No Answer)	0	2	0
Total	31	91	98

For 2021, 49% of the patients requesting the procedure were between the ages of 25-34 years and 74% percent of the women reported the procedure was their first. Table 2, below, breaks down the procedures by age.

Table 2: Procedures by age

Age Range	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
≤ 24	7	29	33
25-34	18	45	48
35 +	6	17	17
Total	31	91	98

Table 3, below, tabulates procedures by number of previous procedures reported.

Table 3: Number of previous procedures

Number of Previous Procedures	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
0	19	65	73
1	6	21	19
2	3	5	5
≥ 3	3	0	1
Total	31	91	98

All ninety-eight respondents received the early medical abortion procedure (a nonsurgical abortion), as shown in Table 4, below.

Table 4: Method

Method	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
Surgical: Dilation and Curettage (D&C)	0	1	0
Surgical: Hysterectomy/ Hysterotomy	0	0	0
Intrauterine Instillation	0	0	0
Medical, Non-Surgical	31	88	98
Unknown (No Answer)	0	2	0
Total	31	91	98

No patient complications were noted on any of the 2021 reports. The gestational age of the fetus for all procedures was less than or equal to ten weeks, as shown in Table 5, below.

Table 5: Gestational Age

Gestational Age	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
6 weeks or less	18	49	64
7-10 weeks	13	41	34
11 weeks or more	0	0	0
Unknown (No Answer)	0	1	0
Total	31	91	98

Sixty-two patients reported no previous live births and thirty-six reported one or more previous live births. This is shown in Table 6, below.

Table 6: Number of Previous Live Births

Number of Previous Live Births	Reporting Year		
	2019*	2020	2021
0	17	42	62
1	5	20	16
2	7	16	11
3	1	8	6
≥ 4	1	4	3
Unknown (No Answer)	0	1	0
Total	31	91	98

* Note that 2019 numbers only covered a 6-month period (July to December 2019).