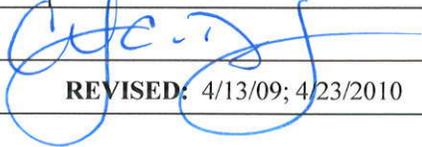


POLICY OF STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	POLICY NUMBER G-09	PAGE NUMBER 1 of 1
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CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES	SUBJECT: PREGNANCY COUNSELING	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER: 		
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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Pregnant offenders have counseling and assistance in planning for their unborn children.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See policy.
- V. POLICY:
1. Counseling and assistance is available to pregnant offenders in keeping with their expressed desire in planning for their unborn children.
 2. Counseling options include abortion and continuance of a pregnancy. Counseling on continuation of a pregnancy is provided by prenatal providers and includes discussion of adoption and foster care. Documentation of counseling is maintained in the offender's medical record.
 3. If the offender expresses the wish to receive an abortion, the health care staff facilitates contact between the offender and the appropriate referral service. As with all elective surgery, the contracted medical vendor does not bear the cost of an elective abortion. All appointments and transportation are arranged through the Medical Unit. The cost is the responsibility of the offender or designee.

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