



August 17, 2015

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Office of the Governor  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

In response to your request for the Department of Community Health (DCH) to conduct a review of the clinics run by Planned Parenthood Southeast in Georgia, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD) deployed surveyors to conduct unannounced on-site visits of Planned Parenthood facilities, licensed ambulatory surgery centers that provide surgical abortion services, and clinics that were known to the Department to have historically provided surgical abortion-related services.

Each surveyor attempted to conduct staff interviews, review policies, procedures, contracts (specifically related to the handling of products of conception), and patient records, and complete an on-site tour of each facility. Some facilities that are not statutorily required to be licensed by HFR authorized staff interviews but did not provide access to the facility or facility records.

At the time of these surveys, each licensed facility was found to be in compliance with the respective governing Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers (Chapter 111-8-4), and Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements for All Abortions (Chapter 290-5-32).

The attached report outlines a summary of our findings. If there are questions or concerns, I, along with our staff, are available at any time to address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clyde L. Reese III".

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq.  
Commissioner

Facility	Survey Date	Findings
<p>Atlanta Surgicenter 3193 Howell Mill Rd Ste 323 Atlanta, 30327</p> <p>License number 153835</p>	<p>7/21/15</p> <p>8/11/15</p>	<p>Allegation: Facilities failing to comply with regulations regarding the handling of products of conception.</p> <p>An unannounced on-site visit was made to the facility on 7/21/15. Surveyors did not find the facility listed on the building directory. An unannounced on-site visit was made to the facility on 8/11/15. Surveyors found that the suite number listed on the website did not have a name on the door, the lights were not on, and there was no response to knocks on the door.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Atlanta Surgicenter was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers or Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions.</p> <p>Based on review of the facility's website and interview, the allegation that the facility was not following regulations related to products of conception were not substantiated. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Atlanta Women's Medical Center 235 West Wieuca Rd Atlanta, 30342</p> <p>License number 060-011</p>	<p>7/21/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/21/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of visit, Atlanta Women's Medical Center was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Cliff Valley Clinic 1924 Cliff Valley Way, NE Atlanta, 30329</p> <p>License number 044-287</p>	<p>7/21/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/21/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Cliff Valley Clinic was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Savannah Medical Clinic 120 East 34<sup>th</sup> St Savannah, 31401</p>	<p>7/21/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/21/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Savannah Medical Clinic was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32 and Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>

<p>Summit Medical Associates 1874 Piedmont Rd, NE Ste 500-E Atlanta, 30324</p> <p>License number 060-141</p>	<p>7/21/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/21/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Summit Medical Associates was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32 or Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Dunwoody Women's Medical Group 3114 Mercer University Drive, Ste 100, Atlanta 30341</p>	<p>8/11/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 8/11/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Dunwoody Women's Medical Group was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited. No deficiencies cited.</p>
<p>Atlanta Downtown Center 75 Piedmont Ave NE, Suite 800Atlanta, 30303</p>	<p>7/22/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/22/15.</p> <p>Based on review of facility's documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Atlanta Downtown Center was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers or Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Savannah Center 44B Lee Blvd Savannah, 31405</p>	<p>7/22/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/22/15.</p> <p>Based on review of available facility documentation, staff interview, and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Savannah Center was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers or Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. The facility declined providing access to documentation and a tour of the facility. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Cobb Health Center 220 Cobb Parkway North, Ste 500 Marietta, 30062</p>	<p>7/22/15</p>	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/22/15.</p> <p>Request to review any patient-related forms was denied. Based on review of available facility documentation, staff interview and observation during site tour, it was determined that the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated.</p> <p>Based on review of tour of the facility and staff interviews, the allegation that facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of could not be substantiated. At the time of the visit, Cobb Health Center was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Surgical</p>

		Treatment Centers or Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.
<p>Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc., Augusta 1289 Broad St Augusta, 30901</p> <p>License number 121-001</p>	7/22/15	<p>An unannounced on-site visit to the facility was made on 7/22/15.</p> <p>Based on review of medical records, observation during a facility tour, staff interview, and the facility's biohazardous waste contract, the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception receiving compensation could not be substantiated.</p> <p>At the time of visit, Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc. was in compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Columbus Women's Health Organization 3950 Rosemont Drive Columbus, 31904</p> <p>License number 153827</p>	8/12/15 8/15/15	<p>An unannounced on-site visit was made to the facility on 8/12/15. The facility was locked. Surveyors contacted the facility and it was stated by the individual answering the call that procedures were only performed on Saturdays in August.</p> <p>An unannounced on-site visit was made to the facility on 8/15/15. The facility declined providing access to documentation and a tour of the facility.</p> <p>Based on review of the facility's website and staff interview, the allegation that the facility was not following regulations regarding the handling of products of conception could not be substantiated. At the time of the visit, Columbus Women's Health Organization was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4 or Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. No deficiencies were cited.</p>
<p>Gwinnet Center Lawrenceville 798 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd, Ste 3 Lawrenceville, 30043</p>	7/23/15	<p>An unannounced on-site visit was made to the facility on 7/23/2015.</p> <p>Based on staff interview, it was determined by surveyor staff that this was not a state of Georgia licensed facility and was not operating as an Ambulatory Surgery Center.</p> <p>At the time of the visit, Gwinnet Center Lawrenceville was not found to be functioning as an Ambulatory Surgery Center, and therefore not subject to compliance with Chapter 111-8-4, Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers and Chapter 290-5-32, Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements For All Abortions. The facility declined providing access to documentation and a tour of the facility. No deficiencies were cited.</p>