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Statement Regarding the Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's (the "Department's") enforcement of disciplinary provisions of the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995 (the "Act") is to take effect on November 2, 2009. While the Department does not issue "advisory opinions" or dispense legal advice, the public's interest in this subject merits this statement from the Department. Parties seeking a legal opinion should consult with their own attorneys.

On October 29 and 30, 2009, the Department polled members of the Medical Disciplinary Board (the "Board"). A majority of Board members recommended that the Department extend the 90-day grace period for physician compliance that the Department accepted on July 31, 2009, to allow the Board to review evidence regarding administration of the judicial waiver process under Section 25 of the Act, 750 ILCS 70/25. Each member of the Board conveyed the opinion that the operational status of the judicial waiver process is important because of the physicians' need to effectively counsel their minor patients regarding all medical options.

The Department accepts the members' recommendation and will act consistently with that recommendation.

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