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CHOICE ON TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 92 OF 1996)

DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES FOR THE SURGICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCIES

I, Mantombazana Edmie Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health, hereby designate, in terms of section 3 of the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1996 (Act No. 92 of 1996), the institutions listed in the Schedule as facilities where the surgical termination of pregnancies may take place in accordance with the said Act.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this schedule any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates -

"access" means access to resources without these necessarily having to be on site at a facility;

"operating theatre" means an operating unit which is fully equipped to administer a local or general anaesthetic and to deal with any complication that may arise as a result of such an anaesthetic;

"the Act" means the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1996 (Act No. 92 of 1996).

Requirements to be met by public health facilities and private health facilities in order to be designated as facilities contemplated in section 3 of the Act

2. Any public or private health facility must meet the following requirements in order to be designated in terms of section 3 of the Act as a facility where the surgical termination of pregnancies may take place:

- (a) access to medical and nursing staff;
- (b) access to an operating theatre;
- (c) appropriate surgical equipment;
- (d) drugs for intravenous and intramuscular injection;
- (e) emergency resuscitation equipment and access to emergency referral center or facility;
- (f) access to appropriate transport should the need arise for emergency transfer;
- (g) facilities and equipment for clinical observation and access to in-patient facilities;
- (h) appropriate infection control measures;
- (i) access to safe waste disposal infrastructure; and
- (j) telephonic means of communication.

Facilities

3. (1) The following private and public health facilities meet the requirements stated in paragraph 2 and are hereby designated as facilities contemplated in section 3 of the Act:

Private health facilities

Impilo Medical Centre (Vereeniging)

East Rand Women's Health Clinic (Germiston)

Hilltop Medical Centre (Randburg)

Public health facilities

2 Military Hospital (Wynberg)

Calvinia Hospital (Calvinia)



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