



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2919.196 Documentation of reasons for abortion.

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The provisions of this section are wholly independent of the requirements of sections 2919.192 to 2919.195 of the Revised Code.

(A) A person who performs or induces an abortion on a pregnant woman shall do whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) If a purported reason for the abortion is to preserve the health of the pregnant woman, the person shall specify in a written document the medical condition that the abortion is asserted to address and the medical rationale for the person's conclusion that the abortion is necessary to address that condition.

(2) If division (A)(1) of this section does not apply, the person shall specify in a written document that maternal health is not a reason of the abortion.

(B) The person who specifies the information in the document described in division (A) of this section shall place the document in the pregnant woman's medical records. The person who specifies the information shall maintain a copy of the document in the person's own records for at least seven years from the date the document is created.
