



The Cambridge Hospital



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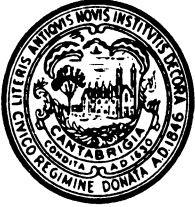
Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to Calendar Item No. 5, dated 9/14/92, introduced by Vice Mayor Cyr, regarding therapeutic abortions at The Cambridge Hospital. The Cambridge Hospital takes pride in being a full service hospital, providing a comprehensive array of services so as to meet the health care needs of our community. Consistent with our mission, it is the policy of this hospital that the health needs of women in our community must be met either on site or by referral. Most of these needs can be met at the hospital or our neighborhood health centers. Certain services are referred to other health care facilities due to the fact that those facilities specialize in a particular area; e.g. renal dialysis, magnetic resonance imaging and can provide the service in a more cost effective, high quality manner. Therapeutic abortions are typically referred to other less costly settings which specialize in this service because the counselling and other programmatic components are more comprehensive than those available at this hospital. Periodically, therapeutic abortions are required on a medically emergent basis and these procedures are performed at the hospital.

Please contact me if you have any further questions about this question.

Sincerely,

John G. O'Brien
Administrator



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October 5, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 27, regarding the Cambridge Hospital's policy on therapeutic abortions, please find attached a response received from John G. O'Brien, Hospital Administrator, relative to this issue.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #9

S-187

Awaiting Report Item No. 27 regarding the
Cambridge Hospital's policy on therapeutic
abortions.

In City Council,

October 5, 1992

*Referred to the
Health & Hospital
Committee
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