

65-1,163. Identification and referral of pregnant women at risk for prenatal substance abuse. (a) The secretary of health and environment shall develop a risk assessment profile to assist health care providers screen pregnant women for prenatal substance abuse.

(b) Any health care provider who identifies a pregnant woman who is at risk for prenatal substance abuse may refer such woman with her consent to the local health department for service coordination by providing such woman's name to the local health department or the Kansas department of health and environment within five working days.

(c) There shall be no civil or criminal cause of action against a health care provider related to the rendering or failure to render any service under this section.

(d) Referral and associated documentation provided for in this section shall be confidential and shall not be used in any criminal prosecution.

(e) The consent required by subsection (b) shall be deemed a waiver of the physician-patient privilege solely for the purpose of making the report pursuant to subsection (b).

(f) This section shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1993.

History: L. 1992, ch. 294, § 5; May 28.