

North Dakota Department of Health  
Inventory of material as required in 2011 House Bill 1297, Section 15  
July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013

**N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-02.1 – Abortion Control Act**

<b>14-02.1-02.1 Printed information</b>	<b>Date created</b>	<b>Date reviewed/revised/reprinted</b>	<b>Current inventory of hard copies</b>	<b>Online</b>
a. Geographically indexed materials	1992	2002 2006 2008 2011 - In progress with new statute requirements. Material will be reviewed every two years and updated as needed.	2011: Printed inventory supply is exhausted. Will reprint when revisions are completed.	Yes
b. Booklet of anatomical and physiological characteristics	1998	2001 2011 - In progress with new statute requirements. Material will be reviewed every two years and updated as needed.	2011: 4,000 (current document). Will reprint when revisions are complete.	No, due to copyright. New document will be available online.
c. Support obligations of the father	2011 – In progress	NA Material will be reviewed every two years and updated as needed.	Will print when document is completed.	Yes, when completed.
d. Abortion methods and risks	2011 – In progress	NA Material will be reviewed every two years and updated as needed.	Will print when document is completed.	Yes, when completed.
<b>14-02.1-03.4. Required notice at abortion facility</b>	2009	2011 – No change required. Material will be reviewed every two years and updated as needed.	NA	Yes

**Department practice for creating printed information as per N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-02.1 (assigned to the Division of Family Health):**

**14-02.1-02.1, Section 2, Printed information:**

- a. *A Connection for Families and Agencies* has been created to provide a list of geographically indexed materials. This document is currently being updated per department practices and to meet new 2011 statute requirements. The document is a joint fiscal effort between the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS). The DoH takes the lead on the project working with numerous partners to assure accuracy and inclusion of all agencies and services. The document is reviewed by both DoH and DHS processes before finalized, printed and distributed.
- b. The *Fetal Growth and Development* booklet was created in 1998 to describe the anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child. This booklet is currently being updated to meet new 2011 statute requirements. The new booklet will be titled *Information About Pregnancy and Abortion*. Information in the booklet is objective and nonjudgmental and designed to convey accurate scientific information. Resources used in creating the booklet include peer reviewed journals (written in English and published since 2000), recent editions of textbooks and information from professional organizations.
- c. Materials regarding support obligations of the father are a new statute requirement as of 2011. This information has been included in the *Information About Pregnancy and Abortion* booklet. Resources used in creating this information were obtained through the DHS, Child Support Enforcement Division.
- d. Materials regarding abortion methods and risks are a new statute requirement as of 2011. This information has been included in the *Information About Pregnancy and Abortion* booklet. Objection information for this material was obtained through peer reviewed journals (written in English and published since 2000), recent editions of textbooks and information from professional organizations.

Note: Materials (b), (c) and (d) are combined into one booklet. Information regarding material (a) is included in the combined booklet.

- All of the above printed materials are reviewed every two years for legislative requirements and accuracy, and are updated and reprinted as needed. The department requests review and input of the materials by key partners before finalization of documents. North Dakota Family Alliance and the Red River Women's Clinic have been asked to provide review and input for the *Information About Pregnancy and Abortion* booklet.
- When producing these materials, the DoH follows N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-02.3, Limitation on Abortion, Section 14-02.3-01, state policy on abortion and childbirth, which states "An agency of this state may not produce, distribute, publish, disseminate, endorse or approve materials of any type that between normal childbirth and abortion, do not give preference, encouragement and support to normal childbirth."

- When printed materials are updated and reprinted, postcard and e-mail notification that the materials are available for order are sent to health-care providers, local public health units, county social service offices, Head Start, etc. Information that the materials are available on the department's website also is included. Entities and/or individuals may order by phone, e-mail or online. Note: Copyright royalties for unborn child pictures at two-week gestational intervals in material (b) have been paid to make these materials accessible online.
- All of the above printed materials are available at no cost from the North Dakota Department of Health upon request and in appropriate numbers to any person, facility or hospital. Administrative support staff maintain inventory and fill orders for all materials.
- Funds to support these materials are provided by the Title V Maternal and Child Health grant within the DoH. The DHS also provides funding for printing and distribution of the *A Connection for Families and Agencies* document through the Children and Family Services Division, Head Start State Collaboration Project.
- As per 2011 HB 1297, Section 16, the cost incurred by the Department of Health as a result of producing the printed information of the Abortion Control Act may not exceed fifty thousand dollars for the 2011-13 biennium.

#### **14-02.1-03.4. Required notice at abortion facility**

The required sign was developed and made available in a printable format on the department's website in 2009. This requirement will be monitored every two years for legislative amendments and will be updated as needed.