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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 18, 2015

Senator Kurt Schaefer
State Capitol, Room 416
201 W. Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senator Schaefer:

I am writing to further respond to your letter dated August 17, 2015, and your request for information regarding the privileges that Dr. Colleen McNicholas holds with MU Health Care and “working agreements” as described in § 197.215.1(2), RSMo, between the University and Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri or Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri. You requested that we provide a response by close of business today to allow the legislative committee to consider the information.

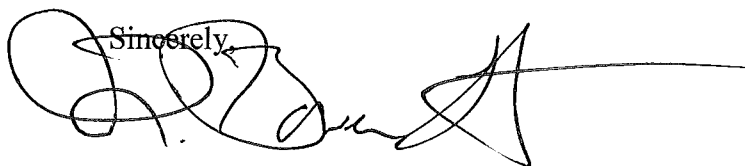
Regarding the privileges of Dr. McNicholas, MU Health Care is the University unit that operates University Hospital, Women’s and Children’s Hospital, and the Missouri Orthopaedic Institute in Columbia. All three hospitals share the same medical staff. MU Health Care has an “open medical staff” which means that community physicians and physicians employed by other health systems can apply for and obtain varying levels of privileges at its facilities. Dr. McNicholas is not a faculty member or University employee. She was granted “refer and follow” privileges at MU Health Care on December 15, 2014. A copy of her “refer and follow” form is attached. As described on the form, refer and follow privileges include referring patients to a hospitalist or other medical staff member at MU Health Care and review of the medical record of the referred patient. Refer and follow privileges are limited and do not allow the physician to admit patients to MU Health Care facilities or to write orders, prescribe treatment, or perform procedures for patients at any MU Health Care facility. The granting of such privileges to Dr. McNicholas will not require public funds to be used to perform or assist in abortions. It is consistent with the requirements of both § 188.205, RSMo, and 42 U.S.C. § 300a-7(c).



Regarding "working agreements", MU Health Care does not have an agreement with Dr. McNicholas, Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri or Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri that guarantees transfer and admittance of patients for emergency treatment whenever necessary. Accordingly, there are no such documents to provide in response to your request.

I hope this response provides you with the information that you and the committee need. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Bowen Loftin", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

R. Bowen Loftin,
Chancellor