

Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 10—Office of the Director
Chapter 15—Abortions

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 10-15.030 Content and Filing of Tissue Report. The department is amending sections (1) and (2), and amending the Purpose statement.

PURPOSE: This amendment updates the regulation to reflect the required content of the tissue report and provides the address to which the report shall be sent.

*PURPOSE: [The Department of Health under] **Under** section[s] [188.047 and] 188.055, RSMo [1986], **the Department of Health and Senior Services** is given the responsibility to provide forms relating to abortion to [health] **abortion** facilities, **hospitals**, and physicians. This rule establishes the content of the tissue report and filing requirements for tissue reports.*

(1) The [Department of Health] **department** will accept local pathologists' report forms for compliance with section 188.047, RSMo [1986], if the reports contain the following: patient identification number, **identical in labeling and format to the patient identification number** assigned by the facility where the abortion took place **and reported on the report of induced termination of pregnancy**; date of the procedure; name and address of the abortion facility or hospital where the procedure was performed; name and address of the pathologist who examined the tissue. All reports shall contain the findings of a gross **and histopathological** examination. **One or more sections shall be examined histopathologically. The section(s) shall be determined by the pathologist based upon his or her assessment.** [*If fetal parts or placenta are not identified, then an accompanying microscopic tissue report must also be filed with the Department of Health*].

(2) The pathologist shall file the tissue report with the Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570, within thirty (30) days after the examination of the tissue.

(3) **The physician who performed or induced the abortion shall provide the results of the gross and histopathological examination to the patient if the results contain information affecting her health or having a bearing on future pregnancies.**

*AUTHORITY: sections 188.047, 188.050, [191.420] and [192.020] **192.006**, RSMo [1986] **2000**. This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50-151.030 and 19 CSR 30-15.030. Original rule filed Sept. 30, 1980, effective Jan. 12, 1981. Changed to 19 CSR 10-15.030 July 30, 1998.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Community and Public Health, Kerri Tesreau, Acting Division Director, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*