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### Planned Parenthood Fails to Meet Basic Standards of Patient Care; License Renewal Denied

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO -- On Friday, June 21, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announced that due to Reproductive Health Services of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region's unprecedented lack of cooperation, failure to meet basic standards of patient care, and refusal to comply with state law and regulations protecting women's health and safety that resulted in numerous serious and extensive unresolved deficiencies including multiple that involved life-threatening conditions for patients, their license renewal application has been denied.

The facility's Statement of Deficiencies, absent a complete investigation due to non-cooperation from Planned Parenthood, was submitted to the Court on June 13 with a deadline of June 18 for Planned Parenthood to submit an appropriate Plan of Correction to DHSS. In these Court filings, DHSS highlighted several of the most serious deficiencies as raising particular concerns and insisted that a Plan of Correction must clearly and specifically address these deficiencies with a remedial plan that is feasible and readily implemented.

DHSS has continually sought Planned Parenthood's cooperation to interview their physicians since early April to avoid issuing a Statement of Deficiencies without the benefit of physicians' explanations. The vast majority of deficiencies cited by DHSS, which were surrounding adverse patient outcomes, were not responded to with corrective action plans.

To view letter of license denial, see the [attachment](#)

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