

HB 979 -- COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE FOR RAPE EMERGENCIES (CARE) ACT

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The bill establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act". The bill defines the standard of care for any health care facility that provides emergency care to a sexual assault victim as informing the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital and providing the complete regimen of emergency contraception if requested. The standard of care also requires the health care provider to provide sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment to the sexual assault victim.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must establish rules necessary to implement the provisions of the CARE Act.

This bill is similar to HB 2121 (2024).