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(Dialing, phone ringing 1x)

CLINIC: Women's Health Care Services. This is Marguerite.

CALLER: Hi. Can I talk to Jennifer?

CLINIC: May I say who's calling?

CALLER: Lisa.

CLINIC: One moment please.

(Pause)

CLINIC: She is with patients. Is there any way you could try back in about 30 minutes?

CALLER: Okay.

CLINIC: Okay?

CALLER: Okay.

CLINIC: Thank you.

(Dialing, phone ringing 1x)

CLINIC: Women's Health Care Services. This is Deborah. How can I help you?

CALLER: Hi. Can I talk to Jennifer, please?

CLINIC: May I ask who's this?

CALLER: This is Lisa.

CLINIC: Lisa, hold on, okay?

CALLER: All right.

(Pause)

CLINIC: Okay. Right now, she is with her supervisor. Can I get a number and have her call you back, or do you want to call her back in 10 minutes? Ten minutes, definitely.

CALLER: I'll just call back.

CLINIC: Okay. In 10 minutes.

CALLER: All right.

CLINIC: Okay. Bye.

CALLER: Bye.

(Dialing, phone ringing 1x)

CLINIC: Women's Health Care Services. This is Cary (sp).

CALLER: Hi. Can I talk to Jennifer, please?

CLINIC: May I tell her who's calling?

CALLER: Lisa.

CLINIC: Just a second.

(Pause)

CLINIC: This is Jennifer. Can I help you?

CALLER: Hi. Yeah. I was calling to see -- I called earlier asking questions about getting an abortion. But the thing is, I'm going to be 14 later on this month, and my friend told me that you guys would have to tell my parents. But my boyfriend's 22, and he said that he would pay for everything and take care of everything. Would that be all right, and you wouldn't have to tell anybody?

CLINIC: The law says we have to.

CALLER: Oh, really?

CLINIC: And at 14 you're not of age. Kansas law says that the age of consent for sexual intercourse is 15. So you would have to tell your parents. You'd have to either your mom or your dad.

CALLER: So there's no way not to have to tell them?

CLINIC: No. You would have to tell them.

CALLER: Oh. Well, is there any other place I could go?

CLINIC: Not in Kansas.

CALLER: Is there any other state then?

CLINIC: I don't think so. I think all of them have parental notification laws now.

CALLER: It's just I can't tell my parents at all. They'd be furious. I mean, I can't tell them.

CLINIC: There's really nothing I can do. Have they threatened to hurt you or anything?

CALLER: No. But they'd be disappointed. I don't know what they would do, but I know they'd be furious. And I can't tell them at all.

CLINIC: The thing I'd have to tell you, as much as it's going to disappoint them and make them mad, you're going to have to tell them for the simple fact that he's 22. He is over 18. And I believe in Kansas that is statutory rape.

CALLER: What? I mean, he's not raping me. I mean, we're in love. We're going to get married. He said he was going to take care of me forever.

CLINIC: But he is older than 18. He is not an age mate to you. Because see, you're a minor. You're only 14 or 13. And the state of Kansas says that he is an adult and you're not.

CALLER: So you're going to have to tell on him?

CLINIC: Me? No. Unless you tell your parents and schedule to have an abortion here, I can't turn him in.

CALLER: I haven't had a pregnancy test yet. Would I be able to come in there and get one just to make sure before I talk to my parents?

CLINIC: Yes. We can do a pregnancy test for you.

CALLER: But would anybody have to know if I was getting a pregnancy test?

CLINIC: No.

CALLER: Would you have to tell on my boyfriend for that?

CLINIC: What's that?

CALLER: Would you have to tell on my boyfriend if I was getting a pregnancy test? Because he would be the only way I could get there.

CLINIC: I don't believe we do.

CALLER: All right. If it turned out that I wasn't pregnant, could I get birth control from you guys. It's just we don't want to have to worry about this again.

CLINIC: You can't get it from us because you won't be one of our patients, but you can get it from Planned Parenthood.

CALLER: But would they have to tell anybody?

CLINIC: That you're sexually active? No.

CALLER: All right. Let me think about this. When do you guys normally do pregnancy tests?

CLINIC: Let's see. We could do one -- is there any way that you can just go to the store and get one?

CALLER: Are those usually right though? I would just rather have someone else do it. That way I would know for sure.

CLINIC: They're 90 percent -- well, a 90 percent good rate. There's like I guess a 5 or 10 percent failure rate on the pregnancy tests, the home ones. But if you're positive, it's going to show up on that.

CALLER: Oh, really?

CLINIC: Uh-huh.

CALLER: I think I just would rather come into you guys though, just to be really sure.

CLINIC: You can try a home test. It would be cheaper, and it would be less time consuming than to have to wait a couple of days and then come here.

CALLER: All right.

CLINIC: Yeah. You could try one of those and see if they work.

CALLER: Okay.

CLINIC: The best one that I recommend is the EPT.

CALLER: EPT?

CLINIC: Uh-huh.

CALLER: All right. But you're sure nobody would have to know if I got birth control or had a pregnancy test there?

CLINIC: I'm pretty sure. I don't think so.

CALLER: Okay. All right. Okay. Thanks.

CLINIC: You're welcome.

CALLER: Bye.

CLINIC: Bye bye.

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