

Title: Immunization Requirements	Policy Number: 2.11
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Purpose Statement of Policy:

To provide assessment of immunization status, specifically rubella and tetanus-diphtheria immunity, among men and women of child bearing age seeking services in the family planning clinic provided by Title X.

Definition:

Defined within the Immunization Requirements policies the following areas must be addressed:

- Assessment for rubella and tetanus-diphtheria immunity shall be documented in the medical record on all initial and/or annual visits.
- At their initial visit, clients able to provide written documentation of rubella immunity shall have this status documented in their record. Once immunity is documented, no further assessments are needed.
- Clients unable to provide documentation will receive either: a rubella titer and vaccination if susceptible, or a rubella vaccine.
- Tetanus-diphtheria assessment includes documentation of vaccine within the last ten years. If no documentation or over ten years, Td vaccine should be given (Tdap may be used only if client is postpartum).
- If the source of the documentation is oral, then the source of the documentation should be indicated in the record.
- Other vaccines may be given per Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines and/or North Carolina’s Immunization Branch directives.

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the local health department and its designated personnel to develop, implement and ensure compliance among all staff on the administration of the Immunization Requirements policy in the Title X Family Planning Clinic.

Policy:

The local health department will ensure that written policies are in place that address the above required areas in the definition section for provision of immunization assessment and administration for men and women seeking family planning services provided by Title X.

Legal Authority:

This policy is based on Family Planning Guidelines (January, 2001) Section 8.3 concerning the history, physical assessment and laboratory testing for clinical visits and the Family Planning Agreement Addendum.

References:

Title X Guidelines can be accessed at:

https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/servlet/document.DownloadPdfPublicServlet?document_id=7157

The Family Planning Agreement Addendum can be accessed at:

<http://whb.ncpublichealth.com/provPart/agreementAddenda.htm>

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