

Title: Pregnancy Spacing	Policy Number: 2.12
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Purpose Statement of Policy:

To provide counseling to family planning postpartum clients to delay pregnancy for at least 18 months in Family Planning Clinics provided by Title X.

Definition:

Defined within the Pregnancy Spacing policy the following areas must be addressed:

- Family planning clients who present in family planning for their postpartum visit must be provided information on the benefits of delaying a subsequent pregnancy for at least 18 months.

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 Pregnancy Spacing 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 the Pregnancy Spacing policy for clients seeking family planning services provided by Title X.

Legal Authority:

This policy is based on the Family Planning Agreement Addendum as well as Healthy People 2020.

References:

The Family Planning Agreement Addendum can be accessed at:
<http://whb.ncpublichealth.com/provPart/agreementAddenda.htm>

Healthy People 2020 can be accessed at:
<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume1/09Family.htm>

For examples of policies from the local level, please contact your Regional Women's Health Nurse Consultant.