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Re: Clinical Services for Sterilized Women

Local Health Departments in North Carolina may continue to see a sterilized patient for routine gynecological care if they choose to. However, after the sterilization procedure has been performed, a patient should either 1) be enrolled as a BCCCP patient or 2) be encouraged to seek routine medical care elsewhere, especially if she is using resources that preclude a non-sterilized family planning patient from being seen in the health department. The patient can be seen for another appointment or two after the procedure, but should not continue as a family planning patient any longer than that. Title X and other funding sources for family planning are too limited to warrant seeing sterilized patients for more than an appointment or two.

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