

Title: Facilities and Accessibility of Family Planning Services	Policy Number: 4.4
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Purpose Statement of Policy:

To provide facilities in which family planning services meet applicable standards established by the Federal, state, and local governments (e.g., local fire, building, and licensing codes) as well as being geographically and physically accessible to the population served.

Definition:

Defined within the Facilities and Accessibility of Services policies the following areas must be addressed:

- Facilities should be geographically accessible to the population served and should be available at times convenient to those seeking family planning services.
- Facilities should be adequate to provide the necessary services and should be designed to ensure comfort and privacy for clients and to expedite the work of the staff.
- Must meet applicable standards established by the Federal, state and local governments (i.e., local fire, building, and licensing codes).
- Projects must comply with 45 CFR Part 84, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in federally assisted programs and must be readily accessible to people with disabilities.
- All projects must have written plans and procedures for the management of emergencies (i.e., fire, tornado, and hurricane).
- Projects must also comply with any applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336).

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 Facilities and Accessibility of Services 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/suggested areas in the definition section for provision of the Facilities and Accessibility of Services policy.

Legal Authority:

This policy is based on Title X regulations (January, 2001) Section 6.4 concerning facilities and accessibility of services and the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336).

References:

Title X Guidelines can be accessed at:

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

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