

Title: Permanent Contraception	Policy Number: 2.10
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Purpose Statement of Policy:

To provide protocols for men or women desiring permanent contraception through services in the Family Planning Clinics provided by Title X.

Definition:

Defined within the Permanent Contraception policies the following areas must be addressed:

- The counseling and consent process must assure that the client’s decision to undergo sterilization is completely voluntary and made with full knowledge of the permanence, risks, and benefits associated with female and male sterilization procedures.
- A family planning clinic must comply with federal sterilization regulations, which address informed consent requirements, when either performing or arranging a sterilization procedure.
- Local family planning programs that “perform” or “arrange for” sterilization services funded with Federal Title X, Medicaid/Title XIX, or other federal funds, must report all previous calendar year sterilization procedures, including vasectomies, by January during which a reportable procedure was performed.
- A written plan/protocol must be in place that addresses whether or not sterilizations will be offered.
- Local agencies that neither “perform” nor “arrange for” sterilizations supported with federal funds must submit annually by August 15, a letter requesting a waiver from the annual reporting requirement for sterilization services.

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 Permanent Contraception policy in the Title X Family Planning Clinic.

Policy:

The local health department will ensure that written policies and protocols are in place that address the above required areas in the definition section for provision of permanent contraception for men and women in the Title X Family Planning Clinic.

Legal Authority:

This policy is based on Title X regulations (January, 2001) Section 8.4 concerning fertility regulation which includes permanent contraception and Chapter 50.203 of the Public Health Service Act concerning sterilization of persons in Federally assisted Family Planning project. In addition, the Family Planning Agreement Addendum provides additional authority in this policy.

References:

Title X Guidelines can be accessed at:

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

Chapter 50.203 of the Title X Federal Regulations can be accessed at:

<http://law.justia.com/us/cfr/title42/42-1.0.1.4.20.2.html>

The Family Planning Agreement Addendum can be accessed at:

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

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