

# Family Planning Program (FPP) 2021 Title X Regulation and Protocol Update

December 13, 2021



## **Objectives**



By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Summarize the 2021 rule and regulation changes for the Title X family planning program.
- Understand the 2021 changes to clinical services and fee collection practices for implementation.
- Understand availability and requirements for the 2021 Title X Clinical and Non-clinical trainings.



### From Dr. Chris Novak

**NMDOH PHD Medical Director** 



Thank you for attending the 2021 Family Planning Title X Regulation and Protocol Update.

Welcome back to Dr. Wanicha Burapa, the new FPP Medical Director.





### 2021 Title X Rule Update

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### **SUMMARY: 2021 Title X Final Rule**

October 2021

#### Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning

The 2021 Title X final rule "Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services" was published October 7, 2021. The 2021 final rule revokes the 2019 Title X regulations (84 FR 7714, March 4, 2019) and readopts the 2000 regulations (65 FR 41270, July 3, 2000) with several revisions to ensure access to equitable, affordable, client-centered, quality family planning services for all clients, especially for low-income clients.



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## Applicable Federal Registers and applicable QFP links are provided here:

- 2021: <u>Federal Register :: Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services</u>
- 2019: <u>Federal Register :: Compliance With Statutory Program Integrity</u> Requirements
- 2000: <u>Federal Register :: Standards of Compliance for Abortion-Related Services in Family Planning Services Projects</u>

QFP link: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/contraception/qfp.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/contraception/qfp.htm</a>



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# Ensuring access to equitable, affordable, client-centered quality family planning



#### Insuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning

## Quality



In April 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and OPA developed *Providing Quality Family Planning Services:* Recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Office of Population Affairs (QFP) to define what constitutes quality in family planning service delivery. The 2021 final rule realigns the nation's family planning program with nationally recognized standards of care for family planning and sexual health services delivered at Title X-funded sites. Specifically, the 2021 rule:

- Clearly **defines quality** healthcare as safe, effective, client-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable.
- Incorporates a comprehensive definition of family planning that is aligned with the *Providing Quality Family Planning* Services Recommendations.



### **Quality** (continued):



- Requires all family planning services to be delivered consistent with nationally recognized standards of care, including removing restrictions on nondirective pregnancy options counseling and referral.
- Adopts the QFP definition of client-centered care to help ensure that Title X services are delivered in a manner that is being respectful of, and responsive to, individual client preferences, needs, and values and where client values guide all clinical decisions
- Requires all family planning services to be delivered consistent with nationally recognized standards of care, including removing restrictions on nondirective pregnancy options counseling and referral.



### Access

A hallmark of the Title X program is its essential role in supporting access to high-quality services delivered by highly qualified providers regardless of a patient's ability to pay, and the 2021 rule reinforces access as a central tenet of the program. Specifically, the 2021 rule:

- Eliminates the burdensome requirement established under the 2019 Title X rule for providers to maintain strict physical and financial separation between abortion-related activities and Title X project activities.
- Requires that Title X-funded sites not offering a broad range of methods on-site to provide a prescription to the client for their method of choice or referrals, as requested.



### Access (continued):

- Clarifies that the program's income verification requirement should not burden patients with low incomes or impede their access to care.
- Reaffirms adolescent confidentiality protections including that "Title X projects may not require consent of parents or guardians for the provision of services to minors, nor can any Title X project staff notify a parent or guardian before or after a minor has requested and/or received Title X family planning services."
- Enables a broader range of clinical services providers to direct Title X services and provide consultation for medical services.
- Incorporates the allowability of telehealth for Title X family planning services.



#### Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning

## **Equity**

Advancing equity for all, including people from low-income families, people of color, and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, is a priority for the Title X program. The 2021 final rule was written to ensure that the predominantly low-income clients who rely on Title X services as their usual source of medical care have access to the same quality healthcare, including full medical information and referrals, that higher-income clients and clients with private insurance are able to access. Specifically, the 2021 final rule includes:

- Defines health equity as "when all persons have the opportunity to attain their full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances" and reinforces that Title X services should be equitable
- Requires all family planning services to be client-centered, culturally and linguistically appropriate, inclusive, and trauma-informed.
- Adds a new grant review criterion to assess the ability of prospective grantees to advance health equity.



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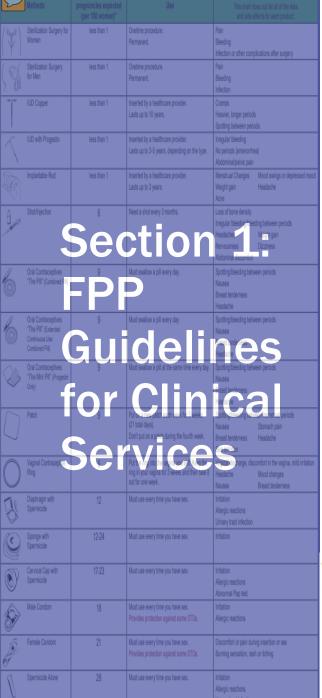
### **Protocol Update**

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• 1.0 Introduction: Title X scope of services wording was updated to match the 2021 Title X Rule.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Population Affairs (OPA) requires that programs are <u>voluntary</u>, <u>confidential</u> and include a broad range of medically approved services, which includes U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive products and natural family planning methods, for clients who want to prevent pregnancy and space births, pregnancy testing and counseling, assistance to achieve pregnancy, basic infertility services, sexually transmitted infection (STI) services, and other preconception health



METHODS

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### 1.1 Service Population

 Services must be provided in a manner that does not discriminate against any client based on religion, race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex characteristics, number of pregnancies, or marital status.







### **Appendix B: Fee Collection**

 1.B General Requirements for Providing Title X FP Services

All services must be provided without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex characteristics, number of pregnancies, or marital status.





# **1.1 Service Population**

Definitions of the following terms are provided and expected:

- Client-centered care
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- Health equity
- Inclusive
- Quality healthcare



### Client-centered care

https://rhntc.org/resources/client-centeredreproductive-goals-and-counseling-flow-chart



is respectful of, and responsive to, individual client preferences, needs, and values; client values guide all clinical decisions.



# Standing Order for PHC for Urine HCG Pregnancy Testing (page 46)

#### COUNSELING IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE:

- With increasing syphilis rates and concurrent congenital syphilis cases in New Mexico, ALL women
  with a positive pregnancy test should be screened for syphilis. This preliminary syphilis test does
  not replace regularly scheduled prenatal laboratory testing, and referral to prenatal, maternal-child
  health or primary care providers for prenatal care is provided upon client request.
- Calculate pregnancy EDD by reviewing dates of unprotected sexual intercourse and menstrual history using tools such as a pregnancy due date wheel.
- Document the client's pertinent history that helps determine pregnancy risk including genetic family history and pregnancy intention information.
- 4. Ascertain client's plans for pregnancy continuation or termination by providing "All Options Counseling". Offer pregnant clients the opportunity to be provided information and counseling regarding each of the following options:
  - Prenatal care and delivery;
  - Infant care, foster care, or adoption; and
  - Pregnancy termination.

If requested to provide such information and counseling, provide neutral, factual information and nondirective counseling on each of the options, and referral upon request, except with respect to any option(s) about which the pregnant client indicates they do not wish to receive such information and counseling. Written materials (e.g., CHOICES) may be used to counsel the client (found in Appendix J and posted on FPP website).

- 5. Document in the client record that pregnancy options counseling was done.
- 6. Counsel client using "Instructions for an Optimal Pregnancy" and assess their social support.
- 7. Providers may dispense one bottle of Prenatal Vitamins according to the site policy/procedure.



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# Culturally and linguistically appropriate services

are respectful and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and needs of diverse patients.

https://rhntc.org/sites/default/files/resources/omh\_clas\_standards\_2018-11-14.pdf



https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas/standards

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**Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services** 



### Health equity







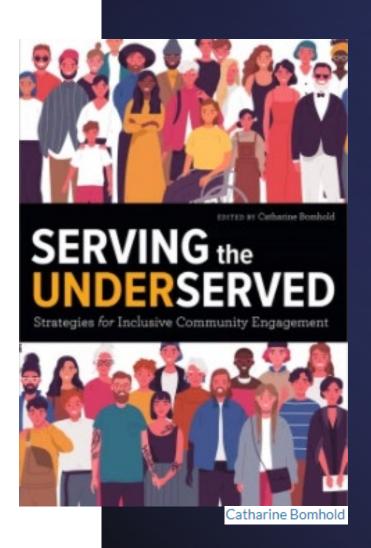
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is when all persons have the opportunity to attain their full health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.



### *Inclusive*

is when all people are fully included and can actively participate in and benefit from family planning, including, but not limited to, individuals who belong to underserved communities, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.





### Quality healthcare

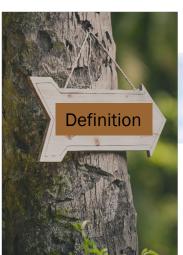
is safe, effective, client-centered, timely, efficient,

and equitable.



# 1.2.A Definition of Title X Family Planning Encounter

A family planning encounter is either face-to-face in a Title X service site or virtual using telehealth technology.



Family Planning Encounter





**Virtual Care** 





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### 1.2.G Consent for FP Services

- Provide services without subjecting individuals to any coercion to accept services or to employ or not to employ any particular methods of family planning.
- Personnel working within the family planning project may be subjected to prosecution if they coerce or try to coerce any person to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure







### 1.2 H. A Contraceptive Services

 Provision of one or more selected contraceptive method(s), preferably on site, but by prescription or referral if necessary.



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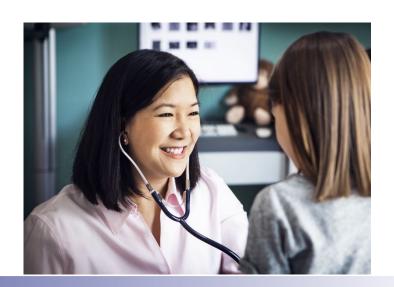




### **Section 5: Special Populations**

• 5.1.2 MINORS AND FAMILY PLANNING

Adolescent-friendly health services are services that are accessible, acceptable, equitable, appropriate and effective for adolescents.







# 1.2.G Parental/Family Involvement

• To the extent practical, Title X projects shall encourage family participation. However, Title X projects may not require consent of parents or guardians for the provision of services to minors, nor can any Title X project staff notify a parent or guardian before or after a minor has requested and/or received Title X family planning services.





### Appendix B:

• IV.B. Billing

Clinic staff must inform the client of any potential for disclosure of their confidential health information to policyholders where the policyholder is someone other than the client.





### Appendix B:

III.B. Income

Clinics shall make reasonable measures to verify client income, without burdening clients from low-income families.

"What to include as income" can be found at: <a href="http://healthcare.gov/income-and-household-information/income">http://healthcare.gov/income-and-household-information/income</a>





### 5.1.3 Minors and Coercion

 The availability of community services such as counselors, domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers should be readily available. Keep an updated referral list in the clinic to give to clients.





### 1.2.K Referral Services



Title X clinics should provide for coordination and use of referrals and linkages with primary healthcare providers, other providers of healthcare services, local health and welfare departments, hospitals, voluntary agencies, and health services projects supported by other federal programs, who are in close physical proximity to the Title X site, when feasible, in order to promote access to services and provide a seamless continuum of



care.



# Standing Order for PHC for Urine HCG Pregnancy Testing (page 47)

#### CARRYING PREGNANCY TO TERM:

If she will qualify and wants Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility and/or home visiting services (via Early Childhood Education & Care Department-provider list on ECECD website), start the process.

https://www.nmececd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/New-Mexico-Home-Visiting-Program-Contact-List-6.29.20.pdf

**New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department** 



Northwest							
Home Visiting Program Counties Served		Primary Contact	Contact Info				
Avenues Early Childhood Services	McKinley	Regina Huffman	(O): 505-870-4982 Email: avenues.ecs@gmail.com				

- Upon client's request, provide a list of agencies helping with this service and discuss any questions she may have.
- If she will qualify and wants Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility, start that process as she might be covered for pregnancy-related benefits, including pregnancy termination.





### **Appendix F: Referrals**

 Title X clinics must provide for coordination and use of referrals and linkages.

- Information on referrals for prenatal care, adoption, abortion, and infertility has been updated.
  - Ex: New Mexico Midwives Association website provides "Find a Midwife" search feature for Home and Birth Center Deliveries at

http://www.newmexicomidwifery.org





### **Appendix B:**

 1.C Requirements for Income Assessment, Sliding Fee Scale and Fees

Family income should be assessed before determining whether copayments or additional fees are charged.



NEW MEXICO Department of Health

#### NMDOH FPP ANNUAL INCOME WORKSHEET

Place patient label here

Please write down any money you AND anybody else in your family or household received.

Check the appropriate box for how often the amount is received (e.g., weekly, monthly, annually, etc.).

Por favor, anote cualquier dinero que usted Y todo en su familia o casa recibió.

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semanalmente, mensualmente, anualmente, etc.).

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### **Appendix B:**

I.B.3 Private Medical Insurance

With regard to insured clients, clients whose family income is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) should not pay more (in co-pays or additional fees) than what they would otherwise pay when the sliding fee discount schedule is applied. Fees must be waived for individuals with family incomes above 100% of the FPL who, as determined by the service site project director, are unable, for good cause to pay for family planning services (Title X Program Requirements).

In non-public health emergency situation, PHO staff will check the client's insurance eligibility and determine with client's co-pay amount based on their insurance plan.





#### Appendix B:

 IV.A.2 Charges for clients with incomes between 101% and 250% FPL

For clients with private medical insurance, if the co-pay is less than the client would pay on the sliding fee schedule, they should pay the co-pay. If the co-pay is more than what the client would pay based on the sliding fee discount schedule, the client pays what they would pay based on the sliding fee discount schedule. (FPP will provide "A Job Aid for the Front Desk Staff" when PHO staff are no longer subjected to public health emergency operations).

Collecting Co-Pays and Applying Sliding Fee Discount Schedule



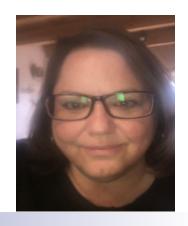


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#### **Protocol Appendix D Update**

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# Training Requirements for 2021 New Rule Changes

**Service Providers (nmhealth.org)** 

#### Title X Clinical and Non-Clinical courses

Within 90 days of this protocol update, ALL current staff are required to complete the Title X Clinical OR Non-Clinical courses in NMTRAIN.

#### TITLE X MANDATORY TRAININGS

- <u>Title X Orientation Clinical and Non-Clinical (Revised)</u>:
  - All staff (both Public Health Office & Provider Agreement) are required to complete trainings within 30 days of hire or delivering Title X services.
  - When updated training is available, current employees must complete within 90 days.
  - Completion required annually.

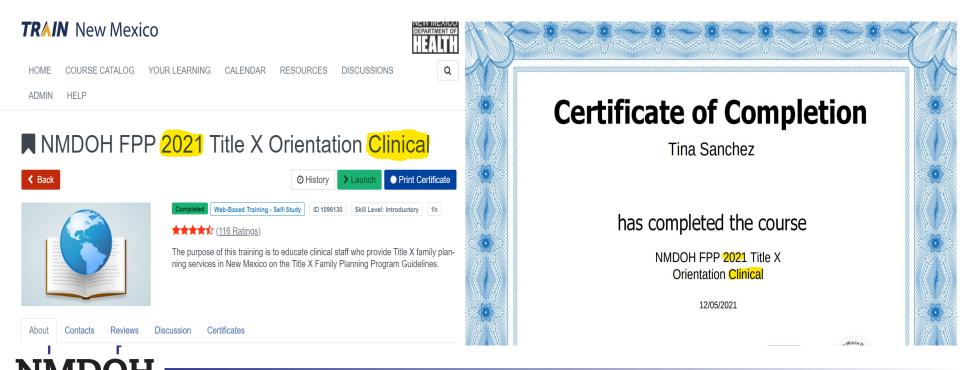




### FPP webpage and NMTRAIN

**Service Providers (nmhealth.org)** 

The <u>Title X Clinical course</u> is designed to guide New Mexico clinical staff (nurses, clinicians, counselors, students, medical assistants, medication technicians), who provide Title X services in New Mexico.





### FPP webpage and NMTRAIN

**Service Providers (nmhealth.org)** 

The <u>Title X Non-Clinical course</u> is designed to guide New Mexico non-clinical staff (receptionist, clerks, and administrative), who provide Title X services in New Mexico.











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  Web Based Training Self-Study

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  The purpose of this training is to educate clinical staff who provide Title X family planning services in New Mexico on the Title X Family Planning Program Guidelines.

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## New Mexico Department of Health Family Planning Program

Title X Orientation and Quality Family Planning (QFP)

Training for Clinical Staff

2021

This training course is a self-paced review of Program Requirement slides that can be advanced by the participant. A clinical and QFP overview video and Fee Collection video require speakers or headphones to complete this course.

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#### Family Planning Program

Title X Orientation
Training for Non-Clinical Staff

2021

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There is a Final Assessment at the end of this training. A passing score of 80% or higher will be necessary to receive a certificate of completion.

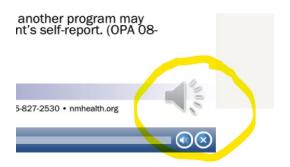
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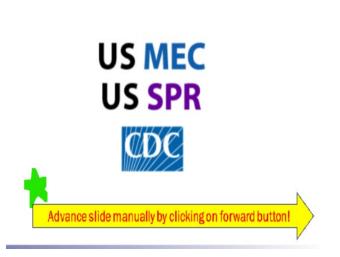
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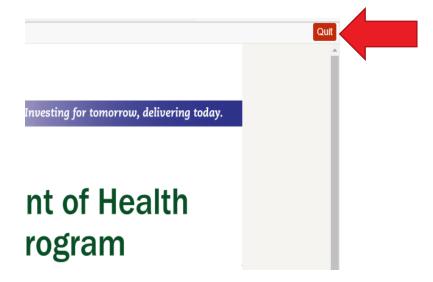






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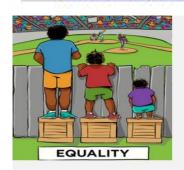


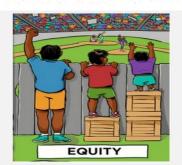


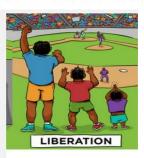
## Health Equity related topics and resources

Recommended trainings and resources have been added to the FPP Protocol, Appendix D:

- Health Equity related
  - National CLAS Standards (rhntc.org)
  - Presentations Think Cultural Health (hhs.gov)
  - Education Think Cultural Health (hhs.gov)









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 The 9/27/21 Protocol update session has been uploaded to the FPP webpage and the link was emailed to all sites on 10/22/21.

Today's session will also be recorded and uploaded to the FPP webpage.

Title X Federal Program Review by OPA in 2022.
 Some service sites will be selected, and the process will be virtually, in-person or combination of the two.



## Questions?



