

A5.4 – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLINICAL POLICIES

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the Iowa HHS process for ensuring compliance (including SRs and service sites) with development and maintenance of policies and procedures to provide high-quality, voluntary family planning and related preventive health services.

Policy

The CSP includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and registered nurses with an expanded scope of practice who are trained and permitted by state-specific regulations to perform all aspects of the user (male and female) physical assessments recommended for contraceptive, related preventive health and basic infertility care will be familiarized with the policies of family planning services.

Procedure

Iowa HHS will ensure:

- Title X clinical protocols are consistent with the MMWR Providing Quality Family Planning Services (most up to date version) and supported by evidence-based practice guidelines.
- All clinical policies reviewed, approved and signed each project period by the Iowa HHS contracted Medical Director or as needed, whatever is first..
- The Iowa HHS Title X Nurse Clinician will send out policy revisions as needed to ensure SRs policies are up to date using current screening guidelines.

Iowa HHS will ensure that each SR is in compliance with the following:

- Written clinical protocols that outline procedures for the provision of each service offered. Clinical protocols must be consistent with the requirements of Title X.
- Clinical protocols reviewed, approved, and signed each project period by the CSP (must be a prescribing provider), as the Title X representative.
- Submittal of clinical policies will be part of the annual site visit and/or as outlined in the contract required due date. Every project period, Title X clinical policies will be compared with the Title X federal program review tool unless otherwise noted.

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References	
Additional Resources	