

Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center
Policies and Procedures

Subject: Family Planning

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OBJECTIVE:

Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center will provide individuals with the information and means to exercise personal choice in determining the number and spacing of their children, including access to a broad range of acceptable and effective family planning methods and services. These services will be supported by a Title X Grant Program, which is administered by the Georgia Family Planning System. Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center will follow all principles and mandates as set forth by the Office of Population Affairs (OPA). All clinical services will be performed in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as documented in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR, Volume 63, Number 4), entitled *Providing Quality Family Planning Services*.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- Family Planning Services will be provided solely on a voluntary basis. Patients cannot be coerced to accept services, or to use or not use any particular method of family planning. A patient's acceptance of family planning services must not be a prerequisite to eligibility for, or receipt of, any other services, assistance from, or participation in any other program.
- Family Planning Services will remain confidential regardless of the patient's age. No information may be disclosed without written consent except as required by law or as may be necessary to provide services to the patient. Information may otherwise be disclosed only in summary, statistical, or other form that does not identify the individual.
- Priority will be given to low income patients. Services will be provided at no charge to individuals with incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Levels (FPL). A sliding fee discount will apply to patients with income levels between 101-250% of Federal Poverty Levels.
- Family Planning Services will be accomplished through provision of clinical services, education, and counseling.

- Title X Family Planning Services will be offered to both males and females, aged 15-44 years.
- All services and protections apply to adolescents.

Clinical Services:

- Health history and physical exam
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Reproductive life planning
- Counseling and education
- Provision of effective contraception methods/birth control options
- Laboratory testing
- Treatment and referral services
- Follow-up on abnormal pap smears
- Screening and treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS

Financial and Reporting Requirements:

- Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center will access income for all Family Planning patients but the financial status of the patient cannot be a barrier to services.
- A sliding fee scale will be utilized based on the patient's income.
- All third party insurances will be billed unless the patient requests confidential services.
- Title X funds shall not be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning.
- Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center will submit a copy of its independent audit to the Georgia Family Planning System.
- Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center will submit data on family planning patients, services, and generated revenue to the Georgia Family Planning System and to the Office of Population Affairs through utilization of the Family Planning Annual Report (FPAR).
- ***FAMILY PLANNING SUPPLIES MAY ONLY BE USED FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, CLINICAL OR OTHERWISE.***