

### 8.17.2 EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

**Policy:** Title X clinics must provide emergency contraception (EC) as a contraceptive service. All clients must be made aware that emergency contraception is provided as a Title X service.

Women seeking EC are at high risk of unintended pregnancy. Emergency contraception are methods women can use after unprotected or under protected intercourse to prevent pregnancy. There are no medical contraindications to use emergency contraception, except pregnancy. If a woman is already pregnant, emergency contraceptive pills will not harm an established pregnancy.

**Procedure:**

1. Emergency contraception may be dispensed in the clinic under signed standing orders.
2. For over the counter EC:
  - a. Title X providers should educate women regarding current data related to progestin-only Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs) and weight.
  - b. Title X providers do not have to ask for proof of age for persons requesting to purchase ECP over the counter (OTC).
  - c. Title X providers cannot use emergency contraceptive stock purchased under 340B for non-Title X clients or those clients purchasing EC OTC (see MT TX FP Administrative Manual, Policy 8.17.3, *340B Drug Discount Program*).
3. Clinic providers should refer to the Montana Title X Family Planning Clinical Protocol Manual for specific protocols on Emergency Contraception.