

8.7.2 STERILIZATION

Policy: Title X clinics must comply with all applicable federal and state regulations regarding sterilization.

Procedure:

Title X clinics must follow these procedures:

1. Counseling and consent process for sterilization is completely voluntary.
2. Counseling and consent process is with full knowledge of the permanent risks and benefits associated with female and male sterilization procedures.
3. Counseling and informed consent processes must follow federal and state sterilization regulations when the sterilization procedure is performed or arranged for by the Title X clinic.
4. Because sterilization is not 100% effective contraceptive method, clients who have received a sterilization procedure may be eligible for Title X services provided that all requirements for counseling are met. Clients who are post-menopausal cannot receive Title X services (see MT TX FP Administrative Manual Policy 2.1, *Definition of TX Family Planning Services*).
5. Clients under the age of 21 **cannot** receive a sterilization procedure with Title X funds.