

2.19 RELATED PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Policy: Title X clinics must provide or refer clients to related preventive health services, as appropriate. (42 CFR 59.5 (b)(2))

Title X related preventive services are those that may be linked to reproductive health but are not the core family planning services related to achieving or preventing pregnancy or protection of reproductive health.

Providers of family planning services that do not have the capacity to offer comprehensive primary care services should have strong links to other community providers to ensure that clients have access to primary care.

If a client does not have another source of primary care, priority should be given to providing related reproductive health services and providing referrals as needed.

Procedure:

1. During each visit, the client's need for services, including related preventive health services, must be determined (see MT TX FP Administrative Manual, Policy 2.14 *Determining Need for Services*).
2. Related preventive health services should be provided based on the provider review of the comprehensive health history, medical judgment, and recommendations of professional medical organization(s).
3. If it is not feasible to deliver all of the needed services in a single visit, they might need to be delivered over the course of several visits.
4. The delivery of related preventive health services should not become a barrier to receiving the core family planning services related to preventing or achieving pregnancy or protecting reproductive health.
5. In some cases, the provider will deliver the initial screening service, but then refer to another provider for further diagnosis or follow-up care.