



High Desert Health System POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 526
VERSION: 1

SUBJECT: 2008 FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES – VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

PURPOSE: To ensure compliance with Title X guidelines regarding client voluntary participation in family planning services.

POLICY: Clients will not be coerced to receive any services or to use any particular method of family planning.

Acceptance of family planning services is not a prerequisite to eligibility for, or receipt of, any other service or assistance from or participation in any other programs of the applicant.

All staff will be made aware that they are subject to prosecution under Federal Law if they coerce or endeavor to coerce any person to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

All staff will be made aware that they are subject to prosecution under federal law if they coerce or endeavor to coerce any person to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure.

REFERENCES:

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs (OPA)

Program Requirements Title X

California Family Health Council (CFHC)

California State Office of Family Planning (OFP)

California Department of Public Health Office of Family Planning (FPACT)

Patient Education and Counseling Protocol, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor –UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, California

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