



Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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RE: Family Planning Program

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The Family Planning Program at Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) provides birth control services to individuals of all ages who want to prevent unwanted pregnancies. We have three certified Nurse Practitioners who see clients in each of our offices. This federally-funded program provides many positive health benefits for individuals who are seen in our clinics.

The program stresses education and counseling to help lower health risks and increase healthy behaviors. The main goal of the program is to reduce unplanned pregnancies, which has proven to be successful. Anyone who wishes to receive family planning services is seen on a confidential basis, regardless of their income. Abortions are not provided through the Family Planning Program.

While services are available to anyone, most of our clients are teens and low-income individuals. People with low income can receive their services at a reduced rate or no cost, and no one is denied services because of their inability to pay. We bill most insurance companies. For those who are underinsured, family planning fees are charged on a sliding fee scale based on their income level. We also accept donations to help support these important services.

With teen pregnancy rates on the rise, it is time to focus even more on education and prevention. Even though parental involvement is not required, CMDHD encourages teens to talk to their parents or an adult they trust about the consequences that follow risky behaviors. Believe it or not, kids want to know what their parents think.

- **FACT:** Teens say parents are the #1 influence on them when it comes to dating and relationships.
- **FACT:** When it comes to healthy relationships, teens say it's all about trust, and honesty is the second most important factor in a healthy relationship.
- **FACT:** Almost 1 in 6 teens say they don't know anyone who serves as an example of a healthy relationship.¹

Please visit us at our website www.cmdhd.org

The Family Planning Program at CMDHD has caring Nurse Practitioners and Registered Nurses working in our offices. Services include:

- Annual (physical) exams, including tests for sexually-transmitted infections.
- A full range of birth control information, including abstinence education.
- A variety of birth control methods, including birth control pills, injections, rings, IUDs, implants, condoms, natural family planning, and emergency contraception.
- Pregnancy testing, counseling, and referrals.
- Screening for referrals for breast and cervical cancer, as well as other health issues.
- Client education and counseling, as well as community education.
- Follow-up visits and referrals for social and medical issues.
- Sending prescriptions we order to your local pharmacy.

Parents and other trusted adults are encouraged to call or visit our clinics for a tour. This is available even if your teen is not using the health department's family planning services. We encourage community members, parents, clergy, teachers, and teens to join our Family Planning Advisory Board, which meets twice a year to discuss the family planning needs in our communities.

Please contact your local Central Michigan District Health Department branch office for more information by visiting our website at www.cmdhd.org. You can also call our offices at:

Arenac: (989) 846-6541 ext. 1316

Isabella: (989) 773-5921 ext. 1406

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¹Source: *stayteen.org*

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