

## SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe Southern Nevada Community Health Center's (SNCHC) process for ensuring compliance with the expectations that the project does not provide abortion as a method of family planning as part of the Title X project. (Section 1008, PHS Act; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L No. 117-103, 136 Stat 49, 444 (2022); 42 CFR § 59.5(a)(5)).

Where a referral to another provider who might perform an abortion is medically indicated because of the patient's condition or the condition of the fetus (such as where the woman's life would be endangered), such a referral by a Title X project is not prohibited by section 1008 and is required by 42 CFR § 59.5(b)(1). The limitations on referrals do not apply in cases in which a referral is made for medical indications. (65 Fed. Reg. 41281 (July 3, 2000))

### II. SCOPE

Applies to all workforce members involved in the delivery of Sexual and Reproductive Health Program (SRH).

### III. POLICY

SNCHC does not perform abortions, nor does it promote abortion as a method of family planning. SNCHC does not support any organization that performs abortion with Title X grant funds.

SNCHC-SRH Program does not perform activities that are prohibited under Section 1008, PHS Act; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L No. 117-103, 136 Stat 49, 444 (2022); 42 CFR § 59.5(a)(5)). Physical and financial separation are not required. SRH program's financial and bookkeeping accounts are separate from other programs.

A referral system to another provider is in place for when an abortion is medically indicated because of the client's condition or the condition of the fetus.

#### **IV. PROCEDURE**

##### **A. Medical Needs Referral**

1. A provider determines that a referral to another provider is medically indicated based on the patient's condition or fetal condition (such as where the woman's life will be endangered).
2. The provider creates a referral in the electronic health record (EHR) system, ensuring proper documentation of the medical indication.
3. The referral specialist or designated staff processes the referral and coordinates with the appropriate healthcare provider.
4. The referral is tracked to ensure continuity of care and follow-up is conducted as necessary.

##### **B. Prohibition of Abortion as a Method of Family Planning**

1. Title X funds cannot be used to provide, promote, refer for, or support abortion as a method of family planning.
2. If a patient requests information about abortion, staff may provide a neutral list of health care providers that include those offering a full range of services.
3. Staff must adhere strictly to Title X guidelines and refrain from any promotion or advocacy of abortion services as a method of family planning.

##### **C. Staff Notification and Training**

1. This policy will be reviewed by staff on initial hire and annually.
2. Staff must sign the Title X requirements acknowledgement form upon hire and annually.
3. This policy is available in SNHD policy portal and onsite policy binders at the clinic.
4. Staff must complete the program requirements for the Title X funded Family Planning project's e-learning module through RHNTC.org upon

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hire and annually.

5. Additional staff training will be conducted as needed to ensure compliance with Title X regulations.
6. The program director will conduct annual audits to verify staff compliance with referral documentation and Title X training requirements.
7. This policy will be reviewed as needed to remain compliant with Title X regulations.

**V. REFERENCES**

Title X Program Handbook, Section 3, Prohibition of Abortion #1, #6  
(<https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/title-x-program-handbook-dec-2024.pdf>)

Section 1008, Public Health Service (PHS) Act  
([https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/title-x-statute-attachment-a\\_0.pdf](https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/title-x-statute-attachment-a_0.pdf))

2021 Title X Final Rule 42 CFR § Part 59.5(a)(5)  
(<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-59#59.5>)

65 Fed. Reg. 41281 (July 3, 2000) Standards of Compliance for Abortion Related Services in Family Planning Services Projects  
(<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2000-07-03/pdf/00-16758.pdf>)

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49, 444 (2022)  
(<https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ103/PLAW-117publ103.pdf>)

**VI. DIRECT RELATED INQUIRIES TO**

Title X Program Director

Community Health Nurse Manager

**HISTORY TABLE**

**Table 1: History**

Version/Section	Effective Date	Change Made
Version 0		First issuance

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Title X Acknowledgment Form