



## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 2022  
From: Gina Capra, Senior Vice President, Training and Technical Assistance  
Subject: Technical Assistance Resources - The Provision of Family Planning Services in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

Health centers provide access to comprehensive primary care services for their patient population in underserved communities. Family planning services may be a component of the comprehensive primary care provided. Below is a non-exhaustive list of educational or technical assistance material that may be helpful in increasing knowledge about the provision of family planning services in a FQHC setting. Please contact [trainngs@nachc.org](mailto:trainngs@nachc.org) with questions.

### **Current HHS Website: Key Resources for Title X Family Planning Grantees**

- <https://opa.hhs.gov/grant-programs/title-x-service-grants/key-resources-title-x-grantees>
- Administered by US HHS Office of Population Affairs (OPA) <https://opa.hhs.gov/> in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, OPA administers the Title X Family Planning program, amongst other reproductive health and adolescent health programs.

### **Medicaid Reimbursement Policy Options for Expanding Access to LARC at FQHCs” – Issue Brief prepared by Waxman Strategies, September 2021**

- This brief provides recommendations to improve access to counseling and services on the full range of contraceptive options for individuals with low incomes.
- <https://waxmanstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Waxman-LARC-10.22.21.pdf>

### **“Factors Influencing Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives at FQHCs” -Issue Brief prepared by Waxman Strategies, July 2019**

- This study examines the underlying factors that influence availability of LARC methods and related services at FQHCs. It identifies a variety of operational, financial and policy considerations in the ability of FQHCs to make LARC methods available to patients. Three key findings are discussed.
- [https://waxmanstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/FQHC-LARC-Project\\_Policy-White-Paper.pdf](https://waxmanstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/FQHC-LARC-Project_Policy-White-Paper.pdf)

**“Documentation and Charge Capture Process: LARC Services”, Prepared by NACHC, March 2018**

- This practical operations guide for FQHC finance offices provides a standardized bundled order set to facilitate the appropriate documentation and charge capture for LARC services rendered. This guide includes a multi-step process recommended to improve process flow, patient education, inventory controls, revenue cycle/quality review.
- [Available upon request to Gerveen Williams, Director of Health Center Finance Training, trainings@nachc.org](mailto:trainings@nachc.org)

**“Providing Quality Family Planning Services – Recommendations of CDC and the US Office of Population Affairs”, 2017 MMWR**

- First federal evidence-based guidelines for the delivery of family planning and related preventative health services in a primary care setting.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/pdfs/mm6650a4-H.pdf>

**“Advancing Quality Family Planning Practices: A Guide for Health Centers” – Prepared by Feldesman Tucker Lefier Fidell LLP for NACHC, April 2017**

- Through HHS CDC and OPA funding, this resource provides guidance to health centers wishing to expand and improve access to quality family planning and reproductive health services in their community. The Guide highlights requirements and considerations for health centers interested in improving their provision of quality family planning and reproductive health services, including becoming a Title X grantee or subrecipient. This Guide also summarizes various models to collaborate with existing family planning providers in order to leverage the organizations’ respective strengths
- [https://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/NACHC\\_FPBooklet\\_FINAL-WEB-06-05-17.pdf](https://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/NACHC_FPBooklet_FINAL-WEB-06-05-17.pdf)

**HRSA “Family Planning and Related Services in Health Centers” Technical Assistance Resource (TAR) letter, June 14, 2016**

- This technical assistance resource highlights the Health Center Program requirement that health centers provide obstetrics, gynecology, and voluntary family planning services to their patients, as well as current evidence-based recommendations, training, and other resources to support health centers to provide high quality primary health care services in these areas.
- <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/technical-assistance/clinical-quality-improvement> HRSA’s Health Center Program “Clinical Quality Improvement home page  
→ scroll to Expansion and Integration of Health Services → click on Quality Family Planning Services <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bphc/technical-assistance/family-planning-services.pdf>