

ASSURANCES REQUIRED BY TITLE XX. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

If funded under Title XX, I provide assurance that:

1. the program will have an ongoing quality assurance program;
2. the program will, where appropriate, have a system for maintaining the confidentiality of patient records in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary;
3. the program will demonstrate its financial responsibility by use of such accounting procedures and other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary;
4. the program will have a contractual or other arrangement with the agency of the State (in which the applicant provides services) that administers or supervises the administration of a State Plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the payment of all or part of the applicant's costs in providing health services to persons who are eligible for medical assistance under such a State Plan, or will make every reasonable effort to enter into such an arrangement;
5. the program will make, and will continue to make, every reasonable effort to collect appropriate reimbursement for its costs in providing health services to persons who are entitled to benefits under Title V of the Social Security Act, to medical assistance under a State Plan approved under Title XIX of such an Act, or to assistance for medical expenses under any other public assistance program or private health insurance program;
6. the program will make, and continue to make, every reasonable effort to collect appropriate reimbursement for its costs in providing services to persons entitled to services under Parts B and E of Title IV and Title XX of the Social Security Act;
7. the program will make, and will continue to make, every reasonable effort to secure from eligible persons payment for services in accordance with a schedule of fees established for the program;
8. the program will make, and continue to make, every reasonable effort to collect reimbursement for health or other services provided to persons who are entitled to have payment made on their behalf for such services under any Federal or other government program or private insurance program;
9. the program will make, and will continue to make, every reasonable effort to seek reimbursement on the basis of the full amount of fees for services without application of any discount;

10. the program will submit to the Secretary such reports as the Secretary may require to determine compliance with assurances 7-9;
11. the program will make maximum use of funds available under Title X of the Public Health Service Act;
12. the acceptance by any individual of family planning services or family planning information (including educational materials) provided through financial assistance under this Title shall be voluntary and shall not be a prerequisite to eligibility for or receipt of any other services furnished by the applicant;
13. fees collected by the program for services rendered in accordance with this Title shall be used by the program to further the purposes of this Title;
14. the program, if providing both prevention and care services, will not exclude and/or discriminate against any adolescent who receives prevention services and subsequently requires care services as a pregnant adolescent;
15. except as noted below, the program will notify the parents or guardians of any unemancipated minor requesting services from the program and, except as noted below, will obtain the permission of such parents or guardians with respect to the provision of such services and, in the case of a pregnant unemancipated minor requesting services from the program, will notify the parents or guardians within a reasonable period of time;

#### Exceptions to parent/guardian notification

The program will not notify or request the permission of parent or guardian of any unemancipated minor without the consent of the minor (1) when the minor is solely requesting pregnancy testing or treatment for venereal disease, (2) when the minor is the victim of incest involving a parent, (3) if an adult sibling of the minor or an adult aunt, uncle, or grandparent who is related to the minor by blood certifies to the grantee that notification of the parents or guardians of such minor would result in physical injury to such minor, and (4) if such parents or guardians are attempting to compel such minor to have an abortion;

16. the program will emphasize, primarily, services to adolescents 17 years of age and under who are not able to obtain needed assistance through other means;
17. funds received under this Title shall supplement and not supplant funds received from any other Federal, State or local program or any private sources of funds;
18. the program will conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of services supported under this Title in accordance with the terms indicated in Section 2006(b) of Title XX of the PHS Act; and

19. the program will comply with the statutory prohibition on advocating, promoting, encouraging or providing abortions, or counseling or referral for abortions, or risk loss of funding, as stated in Section 2011(a) and (b) of Title XX of the PHS Act;
20. the funds provided through the program may not be expended for sectarian instruction, worship, prayer, or proselytization. If a religious organization offers such activities, they shall be voluntary for the individuals receiving services and offered separately from the program funded under the AFL program. An AFL program cannot discriminate in providing program services to an individual on the basis of religion, a religious belief, or refusal to hold a religious belief.

Acceptance is hereby indicated by the applicant of all assurances above.

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Date

Signature  
Title

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