

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

**REPORTED TO
THE GOVERNOR
AND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



HOUSE DOCUMENT NO. 6

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Department of Purchases and Supply
Richmond
1976**



MACK I. SHANHOLTZ, M. D.
COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RICHMOND, VA. 23219

October 31, 1975

The Honorable Mills E. Godwin
Governor of Virginia

Members of the General Assembly
of Virginia

Gentlemen:

The State Health Department is pleased to report on the development and implementation of a uniform statewide eligibility standard pertaining to all family planning services offered by the Department's Family Planning clinics as directed by House Joint Resolution 42 of the 1975 General Assembly (Exhibit A).

The uniform eligibility criteria were developed after consultation with all local health departments. These now constitute official Health Department policy on a statewide basis and will be complied with by all local health departments (Exhibit B).

Since 1966 when the General Assembly made its first appropriation for Family Planning services, there has been continued expansion of and demand for such services. The uniform criteria developed under HJR 42 will enhance the effectiveness of Family Planning programs in each local health department.

Exhibit A

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.42

Directing the Bureau of Family Planning of the State Department of Health to develop and implement a uniform Statewide eligibility standard for public family planning services.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 1974

Agreed to by the Senate, January 15, 1975

WHEREAS, certain local health departments require that family planning service recipients be indigent, while other local health departments and State law impose no such preconditions; and

WHEREAS, certain local health departments require that family planning service recipients be at least eighteen years of age, while other local health departments and State law impose no such preconditions; and

WHEREAS, certain local health departments require that family planning service recipients reside within certain geographical boundaries, while other local health departments and State law impose no such preconditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Bureau of Family Planning of the State Department of Health is hereby directed to develop and implement a uniform Statewide eligibility standard pertaining to all family planning services which are offered by all of the State Department of Health's family planning clinics. The clinics shall report their compliance with the purposes of this resolution to the State Department of Health, which in turn shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than December one, nineteen hundred seventy-five.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

MACK I SHANHOLTZ, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

Department of Health
Richmond, Va. 23219

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 1975

TO: Local Health Directors (Headquarters and Branch Offices)
Regional Medical Directors, Regional Clerks

FROM: Harold D. Gabel, M.D., Director, Bureau of Family Planning

THROUGH: E. M. Brown, M.D., Director, Division of Medical and
Hospital Services
S. A. Graham, Jr., M.D., Director, Division of Local
Health Services

SUBJECT: Uniform Eligibility Standards for Family Planning Clinics

House Joint Resolution 42 passed by the 1975 General Assembly directed the Bureau of Family Planning to develop and implement uniform statewide eligibility standards for public family planning clinics.

Proposed standards were developed and submitted to Local Directors for review and comment on June 10, 1975.

Uniform Eligibility Standards have been developed taking into account all comments received. They have been approved by Dr. Mack Shanholtz and are now to be implemented in all public family planning clinics.

HDG/ccf

Uniform Eligibility Standards
For
State Health Department Family Planning Clinics
September 2, 1975

- 1) Services will be made available without the imposition of any duration of residence or referral requirement.
- 2) Services will be made available without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, sex, parity, or marital status. (Section 32-137 of the Virginia Code states in part that "...any person under the age of eighteen years may consent to medical or health services required in the case of birth control, pregnancy or family planning...")
- 3) Services will be made available in a confidential manner so as to protect the dignity of the individual.
- 4) Priority in the provision of services must be given to persons from low income families (HEW regulation CFR 42, Part 59.5 makes this provision). Other groups will be served within the scope of resources available.
- 5) Eligibility standards and fee guidelines as established in the Revised Administrative Procedures Manual, Eligibility Criteria for Health Department Clinic Services, pp. 82A - 82N, revised 3/75, are to be reasonably applied in all clinics providing Family Planning services. *
- 6) To the extent that clinic resources permit, patients are not to be denied Family Planning services simply because they do not reside in the geographic area (city, county, etc.) traditionally served by a particular clinic.
- 7) When a patient approaches a clinic requesting Family Planning services and cannot be seen by that clinic for any reason whatsoever, that patient is to be given maximum assistance in locating another source for service.

* (Added for purpose of reporting to the Governor and General Assembly.) Full charge for a family planning clinic visit is \$12.00. For a family of four (example) with net income under \$4,603 there is no charge; if net income is over \$7,473 the full charge is applied; with net income between these values the charge is either \$4.00 or \$8.00 for the visit.

