



2.6 CLINICAL PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS OF CARE

POLICY:

All recipients should require service sites and subrecipients to operate within written clinical protocols aligned with nationally recognized standards of care and signed by the ND FPP medical director and the subrecipient clinical services provider responsible for the service site. These clinical protocols should be current and updated regularly to reflect the most current version of Federal and professional medical associations' recommendations for each type of service.

Recipients should follow QFP, which describes what services should be offered by family planning providers and recommends how to provide those services by citing specific Federal and professional medical associations' recommendations for clinical care.

PROCEDURE:

Medical records at service sites must reflect that all clinical services align with approved protocols.

Protocols will be reviewed and updated annually by the Protocol Committee, signed by the state-contracted medical director, and posted online on the ND FPP website. The protocol committee consists of the contracted medical director, contracted midlevel clinician, clinicians from the service sites and staff from the state office.

Service site clinicians are encouraged to notify the state office with additions, corrections, or updates to the medical protocol manual.

Protocols for services provided which are outside the scope of family planning should be developed through collaboration between the medical director and the clinician(s) of the subrecipient.

State staff and the contracted midlevel clinician will monitor all subrecipients and service sites for current written clinical protocols aligned with nationally recognized standards of care and signed by the medical director or physician responsible for the service sites.

All clinic staff participating in the provisions of medical services must review and sign the protocol manual annually.

RESOURCES:

Protocol Manual <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs/family-planning/grantees>

MMWR QFP [rr6304.pdf \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/rr6304.pdf)