

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LANSING

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Re: Grant # FPHPA006464

Dear Dr. Foley:

As noted on the Office of Population Affairs grantee call on March 19, 2020, Title X Family Planning Services Projects will experience changes to service delivery as a result of the coronavirus or COVID-19. Please accept this letter and attachment as notification of clinic changes in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services project (Grant #FPHPA006464).

MDHHS contracts with subrecipient agencies who deliver local services. Each agency is making difficult decisions regarding which services to continue offering and ways to keep staff and clients safe. Below are common service adjustments:

- Extending contraceptive method supplies to include additional cycles if appropriate for client and based on Medical Director guidance.
- Offering contraceptives by mail and/or drive up pickups where clients do not enter the buildings.
- No walk-in visits, appointment only to manage client volume and ensure social distancing.
- Offering all clients a prescription if it does not present a hardship.
- Extensive interviews with clients prior to coming to the clinic for signs of illness.
- Promoting methods available outside the clinic with clients such as barrier methods and EC over the counter.
- Moving all services to main clinics and suspending services at satellite clinics.

Attached please find a chart that summarizes our subrecipient agency clinic changes. Please note, this changes daily but it still gives a summary of what is occurring at MDHHS clinics. A statement has been added to the MDHHS clinic locator encouraging clients to call ahead to ensure clinics and services are available.

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At this point, none of our subrecipients are offering telemedicine visits. OPA will be updated if an agency begins. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at <a href="mailto:charestd@michigan.gov">charestd@michigan.gov</a> or 517-335-8861.

Thank you,

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