



General News

Legislative Update: Emergency Contraception for Sexual Assault Survivors Seen in Hospital Emergency Rooms

Effective January 1, 2008, House Bill 2700 requires that hospitals inform sexual assault victims about emergency contraception (EC) and provide EC pills upon request to victims before they leave the hospital.

In accordance with the new law, the Reproductive Health Program developed the materials listed below, available at <http://www.healthoregon.org/fp/ec>:

1. **Patient Fact Sheet:** *Pregnancy Protection After Sexual Assault: Emergency Contraception* - must be provided to every female victim of sexual assault of childbearing age who presents at a hospital after a rape.
2. **Patient Notification Poster:** *Pregnancy Protection After Sexual Assault: Your Right to Emergency Contraception* - must be posted in exam areas or other appropriate locations where patients can see it.
3. **Provider Fact Sheet:** *Emergency Contraception: A Safe and Effective Treatment Option for Sexual Assault Victims* - to distribute to appropriate hospital staff and other providers.

For more information, please review the attached document.

New Hire!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Sara Hussein, who began work with the Women's and Reproductive Health Section on December 31, 2007 as the Eligibility Specialist. Sara will be working on the out-of-state birth certificate request process and will soon become very familiar to you all. Please join us in welcoming Sara!

Title X

Institute of Medicine (IOM) to Evaluate Title X

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has been asked by the DHHS Office of Family Planning to provide a critical review of the Title X Family Planning Program.

The purpose of the IOM study is to examine Title X administration, management, and to assess whether Title X objectives and operational requirements meet the needs and

have adapted to the on-going changes in technology, medical practice, social changes and other related influences that affect the population since the program was created in 1970.

Our own Rian Frachele has been asked by the study committee to provide her perspective on the pros and cons of Title X, particularly with respect to the scope of its services, how well it is serving its intended target populations, and challenges faced in serving clients. The committee is especially interested in the unique outlook Oregon provides as a Title X grantee and also as manager for Oregon's Family Planning Waiver Program. She will be attending the public meeting on February 11, 2008 in Washington DC. We'll keep you updated about the study's progress.

FPEP

Out-of-State Birth Certificate Requests

Three pilot agencies will begin to implement the out-of-state birth certificate process on January 14, 2008. This pilot project will help us determine any problems or issues that may arise during the process. We hope to roll-out the state-wide out-of-state birth certificate request program no later than March 1st. Prior to then, we will be providing both training and materials to get you all set-up. Stay tuned for more details!

Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM)

CMS is conducting a comprehensive federal audit that will measure how frequently errors may occur when processing Medicaid claims. The outcome will be used to calculate a national Medicaid error rate. 17 states are reviewed per year on a three-year rotation and Oregon is up for review in 2008.

The review pool includes all providers of Medicaid services (fee-for service and managed care), and therefore FPEP claims will be included with all the other Medicaid claims as part of the review.

We will submit the quarterly claims data from our office, and 300 claims per quarter (1200 total for the year) will be chosen for review from the entire pool of Medicaid claims submitted for Oregon. If one of your claims is randomly selected, CMS's national contractor, Livanta, will contact you to request copies of medical records and other documentation that support the submitted claim.

Given that there will be 300 claims requested for review per quarter from all Oregon Medicaid providers, chances are low that FPEP claims will be chosen. However, we feel that all the "program integrity" work and training we have been doing together in the recent past will serve us well and we are not worried.

A PERM website that will provide an overview, contact info, FAQs, timelines and updates is currently under development. We will let you know when it is up and running, and we will keep you posted on any news we hear regarding this process.

Training and Education

Register Now: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training

March 17-21, 2008, Woodburn, OR

Registration is now available for the 2008 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training, sponsored by the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force:

March 17 - 21, 2008

Woodburn, OR

\$300 registration

Registration Deadline: February 22, 2008

Please see the attached form for more details. If someone from your organization plans to attend, please notify Emilee Coulter-Thompson at emilee.i.coulter-thompson@state.or.us to be included on a list of potential participants for the 2008-09 SAFE Family Planning Project.

Reproductive Health Conference

March 19-21, 2008, Bellevue, WA

The Center for Health Training is offering the 37th Annual Continuing Education Conference. The target audience for this conference includes licensed clinical providers (e.g., nurse practitioners and other nurses, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, physicians, etc.) in addition to community health educators, counselors, clinic managers, and program administrators.

In order to avoid a \$30 late fee, please send registration and payment no later than February 27, 2008. Please visit <http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/RH2008/> or see attached for more conference details.

Annual Title X National Conference

August 3-5, 2008, Denver, CO

The National Clinical Training Center has announced its Annual Title X National Conference scheduled for August 3rd to 5th in Denver. It will feature speakers Michael Policar, MD, MPH; Sharon Schnare, RN, FNP, CNM, MSN, FAANP and Jan Shepherd, MD

For those clinicians needing annual training who can't get to the Region X conference in March in Seattle, this is another opportunity.

Please see attached form for more details.