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Recertification Coming August 1

RHCare, CCare, and AbortionCare agencies are required to recertify every oddnumbered year. We are currently working on the recertification materials, and plan to make them available August 1 with a due date of November 1. There will be three parts to the recertification packet - Agency and Agency Staff Information, Clinic Information, and a Recertification Application and all will be submitted through Smartsheet.

We will keep you informed if anything changes.

Increased RH Access Fund Supply Reimbursement Rates

We're implementing updated RHAF supply reimbursement rates, effective retroactively from April 1, 2025.

Key changes include:

Annual Ring: Increased from $$2,500 \rightarrow $2,800$

Mirena IUS, Kyleena IUS, Implant - Nexplanon: Increased from $1,100 \rightarrow 1,300$

Skyla IUS, ParaGard IUD: Increased from \$900 → \$1,100

These adjustments aim to better reflect current market rates and support providers in delivering high-quality care. Please ensure that your reimbursement submissions reflect these updated rates starting with April 2025 services. If your acquisition costs increase above our maximum unit prices, please let us know and we will adjust the rates accordingly.

See the RHAF Supply Reimbursement Rates



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Research Opportunity with Power to Decide, UCSF, and Child Trends

Power to Decide, in partnership with Child Trends and the University of California, San Francisco, is implementing and rigorously evaluating Let's Talk, a multi-level intervention addressing adolescents and providers that includes both in-person and online components. As part of the evaluation, the research team is recruiting 30 health centers across the US to enroll adolescent patients assigned female at birth who are seeking care for a wellness visit or sexual and reproductive health services. The Let's Talk intervention includes a contraceptive decision aid that aims to improve equitable delivery of contraceptive services by offering concrete tools to strengthen patient-centered contraceptive counseling for adolescents.

By participating in the evaluation of Let's Talk, health centers can help determine if this new care model is effective at increasing patient-centered contraceptive counseling and use of preferred contraceptive method among adolescents. Health centers selected to participate in this study also will receive up to a \$8,000 stipend, paid in installments.

Learn more about this research opportunity⁷

Contact Riley Steiner at Power to Decide with any questions

Health Equity

Webinar: Reframing Health Disparities - Strategies that Work

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice hosted a webinar in May that reviewed effective strategies for elevating health disparities in ways that elevate awareness, foster collaboration, and build consensus for change especially in rural communities. The presenter shared new findings and recommendations from culture and communications research, including inquiries with rural Americans.

Recordings are accessible by logging into PH LearnLink. To watch the recording, you must first create a free account in the system.

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Trainings

Webinar: Strategies to Increase Access to SRH Services - Rethinking Our Approach (Thursday, July 17, 11:00-12:00)

Join Jamie Hart PhD, MPH and Lisa Stern, RN, MSN, MA for a webinar exploring how to broaden the definition of access in SRH care, offering evidence-based strategies to improve quality, enhance staff skills, and build community partnerships. Attendees will leave with actionable steps and resources to increase access to high-quality SRH care in their own.

Register here

Webinar: Implementing Syphilis Testing in SRH Settings Webinar (Part 2) (Tuesday, July 22, 12:00-1:00)

Cases of syphilis and congenital syphilis have risen dramatically and continue to rise. Effective and accessible syphilis testing is critical to reducing rates of transmission, and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) agencies have an important role to play in identifying and treating this disease.

This webinar is the second in a two-part series on syphilis and congenital syphilis developed in collaboration with the CTC-SRH. It will provide agencies with guidance around implementation and expansion of syphilis testing, including point-of-care testing. The speakers will describe types of syphilis tests available, discuss considerations for using each type, and outline administrative, fiscal, and clinical strategies and steps for agencies preparing to implement or expand syphilis screening. CEs offered.

Learn more[¬]



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Affirm-Share-Ask (ASA) Cycles for Patient-Centered Communication and Counseling eLearning

This course supports clinical services providers and staff to apply communication and counseling skills that provide patient-centered care. The course builds on the Affirm, Share, Ask (ASA) Cycles for Patient-Centered Communication and Counseling Video Series featuring Patty Cason, MS, FNP, and Joely Pritzker, MS, FNP. The RHNTC developed this Affirm-Share-Ask (ASA) Cycles for Patient-Centered Communication and Counseling eLearning in partnership with the developer of the ASA cycle, Patty Cason, CE available.

Learn more[¬]

Virtual National Reproductive Health Conference (August 6-8)

Building a Brighter Future: Advancing Reproductive Health for All

The National Reproductive Health Conference hosted by CTC-SRH, is designed for advanced practice nurses, physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, counselors, educators, and all other clinical personnel who interact with clients in health centers providing family planning and sexual and reproductive health care services.

National experts will share evidence-based information and innovative practice strategies to address common challenges and facilitate clinical skill-building to improve the quality of client care. After attending the conference, participants should be able to:

- 1. Empower Healthcare Providers: Enhance the knowledge, skills, and confidence of providers delivering high-quality reproductive health care.
- 2. Strengthen Community Partnerships: Foster collaboration among health systems, community-based organizations, and advocates to develop sustainable solutions for advancing reproductive health.
- 3. Drive Innovation and Research: Highlight emerging research, technological advancements, and policy innovations that can shape the future of reproductive health care delivery.

Learn more[¬]



Glossary

The following are acronyms commonly found in the newsletter:

AHI: University of Michigan's Adolescent Health Initiative

CTC-SRH: Clinical Training Center for Sexual + Reproductive Health

CVR: Clinic Visit Record

LARC: Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive

NFPRHA: National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association

OHP: Oregon Health Plan

QFP: Quality Family Planning Guide

RHAF: Reproductive Health Access Fund

RHNTC: Reproductive Health National Training Center