Family PACT
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Access to Sterilization — Permanent Contraception

Family PACT sterilization services:

Family PACT is a publicly-funded family planning program designed to provide comprehensive family planning services to low income women and men in California with no other source of family planning coverage or clients who have insurance, but must keep family planning services confidential. Family PACT uses the State Sterilization consent form (PM 284), which includes the 18 year-old age minimum and the waiting period waivable to 72 hours.

- Both tubal ligation and vasectomy procedures are provided by Family PACT.

- Informed consent counseling is included as a Family PACT service. Informed consent should include, but not be limited to, an assessment of the client's comprehension of:
  - Alternative family planning methods that are available and temporary
  - Permanence and irreversibility of the procedures
  - Discomforts, risks and benefits associated with the operation

  The time spent providing informed consent counseling may be billed as an Evaluation and Management visit code or as an Education and Counseling visit code.

- Post-op semen analysis is covered for vasectomy clients.

- Consent requirement is different from Medi-Cal:
  - Men and women who are 18 or older are eligible for sterilization under state-funded Family PACT.
  - The 30-day waiting period (from the signing of the PM 284 consent to the procedure) can be waived to 72 hours, if needed, by provider determination.

- The sterilization informed consent form must be kept in the client's chart and should not be submitted with the claim. Claim is submitted without attachments. Claim must include the date the consent form is signed in the remarks: "PM 284 signed on MM/DD/YY and on file."

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