

BRAZOS VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.
Health Services

Policies and Procedures

Policy Subject/Title:	Male and Female Sterilization
Applicability:	Applicable to all requests for sterilization.
Purpose:	To provide a mechanism of referral to ensure that patients who request sterilization services have the opportunity to receive these services.

Policy: To provide a process for referral of patients to sources who provide sterilization services, either independently or through a contract for services (Memorandum of Understanding) with our agency.

Procedure:

- 1) Patients are informed of sterilization services as an option for birth control.
- 2) A waiting list for sterilization is maintained. Patients are placed on this at the time that they express an interest in sterilization. The waiting list is maintained by the Director of Adult Health.
- 3) If a patient makes the decision to proceed with sterilization, options for services are given to the patient and the patient makes the decision as to the provider of this service:
 - A) Local providers contracted with the Brazos Valley Community Health Clinics.
 - B) Outside sources of sterilization services as documented on the form, "Referrals for Other Contraceptive Options."
- 4) If local physicians/hospitals/outpatient surgery centers are utilized, the Brazos Valley Community Health Clinics will inform the patient of the process, obtain all required consents for the service to be payable under Title Funds and make the necessary referrals to accomplish the procedure.

ENCLOSURE:

Key Point to Remember When Completing the Sterilization Consent Form