

BRAZOS VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
Health Services

Policies and Procedures

Policy Subject/Title: Rubella Status Determination
Applicability: To All Brazos Valley Community Health Clinic Sites
Purpose: To Promote Immunization of Females of Child-Bearing Age

Policy: To determine the rubella immunization status of all females who have reached menarche.

Procedure:

- 1) Providers will order a rubella titer on all female patients who have reached menarche after asking them for the following information:
 - A) Have you ever had the German measles?
 - B) Have you ever had the immunization for German measles?
- 2) The patient's status determined in #1 will be documented on the Vaccine Administration Record for Adults in the patient's chart by the provider who assesses the patient.
- 3) If the patient has not had the German measles or the immunization by history the provider will order a rubella titer.
- 4) If the provider determines when the lab results come back that the patient needs the immunization for German measles they will be sent a letter notifying them of this and what their options are as to how to go about obtaining the immunization. The patient will be asked to bring back documentation of the vaccination if it is not obtained at the clinic so that it can be documented in their clinic chart. They will be able to leave this information at the front desk and will not have to make an appointment to bring this back to our clinic.
- 5) If the patient chooses the clinic as the provider of the MMR vaccination at the time of the revisit to receive the MMR immunization the provider will document proof that the client is not pregnant either by provider assessment and/or a pregnancy test. Education/counseling will be provided to the patient concerning the critical element of not becoming pregnant within at least 30 days from the date of immunization.
- 6) The encounter form will correctly reflect this particular service delivery.

Enclosure:

Patient Information: Where to Obtain Services at the Texas Department of Health
Encounter Form Specifically Used for this Type of Visit