

FACILITIES & ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

Part I, section 6.4, page 9 of the 2001 federal Title X guidelines state that facilities in which project services are provided should be geographically accessible to the population served and should be available at times convenient to those seeking services (i.e. they should have evening and/or weekend hours in addition to daytime hours. The facilities should be adequate to provide the necessary services and should be designed to ensure comfort and privacy for clients and expedite the work of the staff.

Facilities must meet applicable standards established by the Federal, state and local governments. HEALTH's Family Planning Program will consider project facilities with JCAHO accreditation and those in compliance with state regulatory requirements to be in compliance with Title X standards regarding facilities. Emergency situations may occur at any time. Title X requires all projects to have written plans and procedures for the management of emergencies.

Title X further requires that projects comply with 45 CFR, Part 84 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in federally assisted programs and activities, and which among other things, that recipients of federal funds operate their federally assisted programs so that, when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to people with disabilities. Projects must also comply with any applicable provisions of the American With Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336).