

## NON-DISCRIMINATION

### I. Non-Discrimination Statement

According to Public Health Service regulation, Part 59, § 59.5, agencies must provide services to all clients without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, creed, disability, sex, and number of pregnancies, marital status, age, and contraceptive preference (42 CFR Ch. 1 (10-1-00 Edition)). Services must also be provided in a manner that protects the dignity of the individuals. As much as possible, services should be culturally competent.

### II. Coercion Prohibited

Individuals must not be subjected to coercion to receive services or to use or not to use any particular method of family planning. Acceptance of family planning services must not be a prerequisite to eligibility for, or receipt of, any other service or assistance from or participation in any other programs of the applicant. Delegate agency staff are subject to prosecution under Federal law if they coerce or endeavor any person to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure.

### III. Disabled Clients

Agencies must comply with 45 CFR Part 84, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in Federally assisted programs and activities, and which requires, 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. Agencies must also comply with any applicable provisions of the American With Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336).