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Family Planning Clinic

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What is the Family Planning Clinic?

The Sedgwick County Health Department's Family Planning Clinic provides family planning services to low-income clients, as well as baseline screening for breast and cervical cancer.

What options does the Family Planning Clinic provide to clients?

The Sedgwick County Health Department offers the following medically recommended methods of birth control:

- Oral
- Injection
- Condoms
- Nuva Ring
- Intrauterine Device (IUD)
- Natural Family Planning

Availability is subject to funding.

Do I need insurance to go to the Family Planning Clinic?

No, 95 percent of our family planning patients are selfpay, meaning they do not have private insurance or Medicaid. Services are provided at low or no cost, based on a sliding fee scale.

Where is the Family Planning Clinic Located?

The Family Planning Clinic is located at 2716 W. Central in Wichita.

What are the hours of operation for the Family Planning Clinic?

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments are necessary.

Call 316-660-7300 to make an appointment.

Why use family planning/birth control?

- Eighty-five percent of women who do not use contraceptives become pregnant each year.
- Nearly half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned—almost three million pregnancies.
- In addition to reducing the chance of pregnancy, certain types of birth control, such as condoms, can reduce the chance of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.
- The unintended pregnancy rate is highest among women who are ages 18-24, unmarried, low-income, black or Hispanic.
- Although the rates are still high, unplanned pregnancy rates for teens have declined in the last few decades (ages 15-19). This is likely due to higher rates of contraceptive use.
- Efforts to achieve further decreases should focus on reducing risky behavior, promoting the use of effective contraceptive methods and improving the effectiveness with which all methods are used.

Do minors need parental consent to be seen at the Family Planning Clinic?

No, parental consent is not required.

For More Information:

Contact the Sedgwick County Health Department at 316-660-7300 or visit the Sedgwick County website at <u>www.sedgwickcounty.org</u>.