

FAMILY PLANNING PATIENT RIGHTS

Individuals, regardless of race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, or economic standing have the right to:

- » Decide whether or not to have children, and if so, to determine their timing and spacing.
- » Be treated with dignity and respect.
- » Privacy and confidentiality in all aspects of services.
- » Adequate and objective education and counseling.
- » Have all procedures explained and questions answered in a language that can be understood.
- » Know effectiveness, possible side effects, and complications of all contraceptives.
- » Participate in selecting the contraceptive method(s) to be used.
- » Know the results and meanings (diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis) of all tests and examinations.
- » See their records and have them explained.
- » Know the meaning and implications of all forms they are asked to sign.
- » Consent to, or refuse, any contraceptive method, test, examination or treatment.

Participation of any individual in the Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) Program is voluntary and free of compulsion or coercion of any kind. If you feel your rights have been violated, please speak to the director of the clinic/health office or you may contact the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)'s Office of Family Planning at (916) 650-0414 or via email at <u>FamilyPACT@dhcs.ca.gov</u>.

