

2022 Maternal Health AA Q&A document
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Question: D4- When it mentions 5As to all clients - We now only perform 5As for current smokers (tobacco/vape/etc). Just want to make sure we are not supposed to do 5As on patients who are not current smokers of any kind?

Answer: You should be asking about use of tobacco products and ENDS routinely at prenatal appointment, as clients may start using these products during pregnancy. Only the first A, "ASK" for all patients and continue to use the other 4 As for tobacco users. Then the 5As counseling should be provided and documented when the client reports using any of these products.

Question: F5- Will the new question/recommendation for COVID vaccine in pregnancy be included on the state forms that we can add into EMR?

Answer: Changes can be sent to vendors in September. If your vendor allows you to add to the EMR without a formal state form, you can add now. Updated forms are projected to be up by the beginning of the FY (July 1, 2022).

Question: Will the state now run testing for Cystic Fibrosis and Spinal Muscular Atrophy?

Answer: No, the state will not be running these tests. Medicaid coverage for Cystic Fibrosis has been approved, but reimbursement hasn't started yet. Spinal Muscular Atrophy is up for review of approval. Private labs, like Myriad (brian.wilson@myriad.com), Natera, Quest, LabCorp can provide free or reduced-price testing. Some agencies already have expanded genetic testing. The language in the Agreement Addendum (AA) does state that it is acceptable for this testing to be referred out. Local Health Departments (LHDs) are not obligated to provide or cover any cost of testing but rather provide referrals for patients who desire this.

Question: Do clients who receive Presumptive Medicaid only need to count as insured or uninsured for data collection?

Answer: If a client will only receive the Presumptive coverage with Medicaid and will have no other form of insurance for the remainder of the pregnancy they should count as uninsured for data collection purposes.

Question: What should we do since the Consent for Sterilization form is set to expire this month?

Answer: Continue using current form at this time. New form with new expiration date will be shared as soon as it is available.

Question: Can Hep C testing be done for 18 and older at State Lab? State lab will not run Hep C testing for under 18 due to the test not being approved for under 18.

Answer: If private labs are used, the LHD should ensure that the private lab is not billing patients. The prevalence for Hep C in the <18 age range is less than 0.1% so no routine testing of clients <18 years of

age is required at this time. If testing is due to a high risk indication for Hep C, then that code should be used when performing the test.

Question: **When refusing flu or TDAP, does this refusal need to be documented at each visit?**

Answer: There is no hard and fast rule. Document reason for patient hesitancy and willingness to consider, or not consider, vaccination in the future. Signed declinations for required and recommended services are recommended, but not required by the state.

Question: **Who is the State Lead contact?**

Answer: Maternity falls under Child Lead Resources- 919-609-1805(Ed Norman) or 919-707-5940