

4 Ps+ REFERRAL PROTOCOL

<p>County Policy:</p> <hr/> <p>11/9/06 Date</p> <hr/> <p>Original signatures on file CSN Executive Committee</p>	<p>Source: Chasnoff Leadership Team & Beginnings</p> <p>Background and Purpose: To identify and provide an opportunity for pregnant women to voluntarily seek assistance with drug, alcohol, tobacco, psychiatric, or domestic violence issues.</p> <p>Who: 4Ps+ is utilized in the Obstetricians' offices by trained staff to screen and assess pregnant women as part of their regular prenatal visits. Must be done face to face with patient.</p> <p>When: All women to be screened and assessed at their regular prenatal visit. Those who are assessed as positive will be offered a referral to appropriate services.</p>
<p>Referral Procedure:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All women who are assessed as positive on the 4Ps+ will be given the "I AM CONCERNED" pre-treatment in the Obstetrician's office by trained personnel. 2. If the woman accepts a voluntary referral for assistance for identified services, then the 4Ps+ Referral form is filled out at the OB/GYN office. Client will sign. 3. A copy of the 4Ps+ and 4Ps+ Referral is faxed to the Public Health Nurse Supervisor. Fax # 781-1372 4. Tobacco Control direct referral: OB/Gyn and other Providers have the option to refer directly for smoking cessation and Babies 1st Breath programs. Use of the Multi-Service Referral and Client Release of Information is acceptable in these situations. Fax to 788-1235. 5. 4Ps+ are entered into the computer with priority handling. Cross check for other PHN Referrals 6. PHN Social Worker calls the woman at home and screens for services that may be appropriate. 7. 4Ps+ client may be assigned a Public Health Nurse to increase the services. 8. Referrals to treatment could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug and Alcohol Services; Private Providers; Tobacco Control; and Victim Witness/Domestic Violence services. 9. Feedback is given by the treatment provider to the OB/GYN office regarding the referrals made. 10. If the woman initially refuses services, the physician will continue to educate, document and support referrals for services throughout the pregnancy. 11. The 4Ps+ and the results of the assessment and a copy of the referral plan are to be included in the prenatal packet from the OB/GYN to the hospital with the patient for continuity of care.
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