Family Planning program

Call us for your next exam:

Beaufort
Beaufort County Public Health Department
601 Wilmington Street
Beaufort, S.C. 29902
Phone: (843) 525-5915

Bluffton Public Health Center
4819 Bluffton Parkway
Bluffton, S.C. 29910
Phone: 1-888-325-8599

Colleton
Colleton County Public Health Department
219 South Lemacks
Walterboro, S.C. 29488
Phone: 1-888-325-8599

Hampton
Hampton County Public Health Department
531 West Carolina Avenue
Hampton, S.C. 29924
Phone: 1-888-325-8599

Jasper
Jasper County Public Health Department
359 East Wilson Street
Ridgeland, S.C. 29936
Phone: 1-888-325-8599

To locate a public health department near you please call:
(800) 868-0404

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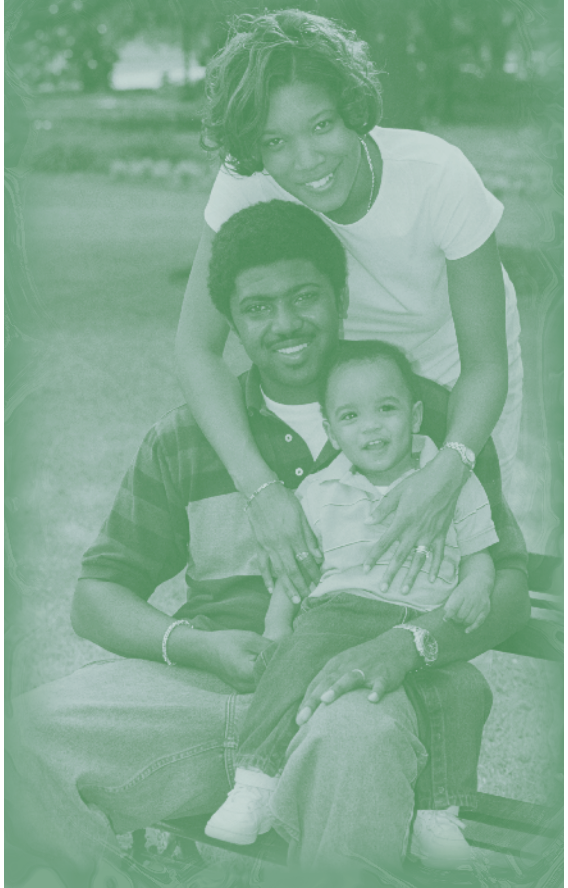

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Family Planning Visits

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Family Planning Program provides information and services that can help you make family planning decisions and learn what you need to know to stay healthy.

You will receive private and confidential services provided by a caring, professional staff. You can receive quality health care at affordable rates. Even if you have insurance you can save money. Services are based on a sliding fee scale, which means you pay according to your income. Fees are due at the end of each visit.

A nurse will gather information about your health, your family's health, your menstrual cycle, sexual activity, birth control use and past pregnancies.

Several measurements and lab tests may be done to check your health, and you may receive a physical exam prior to receiving a birth control method. Your visit may include:

- Height, weight, and blood pressure evaluation
- Breast exam
- Pap testing
- Pelvic exam
- Pregnancy testing and counseling, if needed
- Other lab tests, if needed, and
- Immunizations, if needed.

The results of your check-up and lab tests will be explained to you. Family Planning staff will help you choose an appropriate method of birth control and teach you ways to stay healthy. They'll answer any questions you may have. You will receive birth control method education and counseling, including information on natural family planning and abstinence. Methods of birth control available at most public health department locations include:

- Pills
- Foam
- Shots
- Condoms
- Patches
- Rings
- IUDs
- Implant

Emergency birth control pills are also available at most health department locations.

Referrals are provided for the following services not offered by the public health department:

- Adoption
- Specialized medical care
- Infertility treatments
- Genetic counseling, and
- Sterilization (male or female).

We now offer open access appointments at most locations. Open access allows clients to schedule an appointment for clinical services to be seen the same day or the following day.

If you have a contraceptive emergency after hours, please call your private physician or go to the emergency room.