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FEDERAL TITLE X GUIDELINES AND FUNDING

Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act of 1970 provides for a family planning program. The program is administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. The program authorizes grants to assist in the establishment and operation of voluntary family planning projects offering a broad range of acceptable and effective family planning methods and services. Program guidelines provide that the grants may be provided to either public or nonprofit private entities. In North Dakota the State Department of Health receives the federal Title X grants and administers the family planning services through contracts with nine delegate agencies across the state. The family planning grants are awarded competitively every five years. The next competitive grant award in North Dakota will be in 2005.

Among states in this region, the family planning projects under Title X in North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, and Montana are administered by each respective state; however, in Minnesota, Utah, and Wyoming, the federal Title X funds are provided to a nonprofit organization which operates the family planning projects in those states.

The State Department of Health received base funding under federal Title X of \$547,000 in federal fiscal year 2002 as well as \$174,000 for special initiatives. The department anticipates receiving base funding of \$807,000 as well as \$118,000 of funding for special initiatives in federal fiscal year 2003 and base funding of approximately \$800,000 and possibly \$100,000 for special initiatives in federal fiscal year 2004.