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## NFPRHA Voices Strong Support for the Newly Released Title X Guidance

(Washington, DC) - The <u>National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association</u> (NFPRHA) issued the following statement in response to today's release of the *Title X Program Guidelines* by the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), attributed to NFPRHA's President & CEO, Clare Coleman:

"Today marks an important day for the family planning community. OPA issued new guidance for Title X, the nation's family planning program, for the first time since 2001. The <u>Title X</u> <u>Program Guidelines</u> outlines not only the statutory and regulatory <u>requirements</u> of the Title X program but also new clinical guidelines that, based on the best available evidence, establish a new national standard for providing high-quality care by *all* providers delivering family planning and sexual health services.

"Title X providers have long set the standard for high-quality family planning care and are once again leading the field by advancing best practices for clinical care. The summary of clinical recommendations, *Providing Quality Family Planning Services*, included in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, is the culmination of a rigorous, comprehensive, and highly organized process that used evidence and expert opinion to define both what services should be offered during a family planning visit and how to provide them to women and men.

"Ongoing changes in the US health system, and the expansion of access to health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act, underscore the need to define and promote excellence in family planning service provision. *Providing Quality Family Planning Services* addresses this need and offers clinicians a clear and concise compilation of recommendations that will support efforts to improve service delivery with a strong focus on quality and outcome measurement.

"NFPRHA is enthusiastic about today's release of the new guidance and is committed to supporting its implementation throughout the family planning community."

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Founded in 1971 and located in Washington, DC, the <u>National Family Planning & Reproductive</u> <u>Health Association</u> is a 501(c)3 non-profit membership organization representing the broad

spectrum of family planning administrators and providers who serve the nation's low-income, under-insured, and uninsured women and men.

Clare Coleman actively participated as an OPA Expert Work Group member throughout the Title X guidance revision process.