

Maternal Health Competencies - General Knowledge & Skills

Demonstrates the essential knowledge and skills required to perform competently in the Maternal Health (Title V) Program setting

1. Verbalize/demonstrate understanding of compliance with Maternal and/or High-Risk Maternal Health Agreement Addenda and their specific program requirements
2. Verbalize understanding of priority populations
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the public health nursing scope of practice
4. Demonstrate knowledge of agency and clinic specific policies, procedures, and standing orders
5. Demonstrate knowledge of requirements for patients consenting for services; fee for services; value-based healthcare services; schedule of discounts; and services provided regardless of ability to pay
6. Verbalize/demonstrate understanding of compliance with patient confidentiality/privacy requirements
7. Demonstrate ability to systematically collect and record data in a comprehensive, accurate and timely manner according to agency specific policy
8. Use agency approved abbreviations in documentation
9. Verbalize/demonstrate the accurate coding of patient encounters
10. Demonstrate knowledge to facilitate interpreter services when indicated
11. Demonstrate accurate dispensing and documentation of prescribed medications
12. Demonstrate knowledge of pharmacy related requirements, including the agency's system for ordering/dispensing of medication/supplies
13. Demonstrates knowledge of testing that includes but is not limited to (e.g., antenatal fetal surveillance (only if RN is an approved provider), etc.)
14. Demonstrate knowledge of interpretation of laboratory results
15. Provide patient with information regarding being notified of test results
16. Facilitate prudent nursing actions related to provider notification and required treatment when indicated
17. Assist to formulate a patient-specific plan of care that reflects patient preferences
18. Verbalize knowledge to facilitate a referral to inter/intra programs/services or agencies when indicated (including WIC, Lamaze/childbirth education, parenting classes, Family Planning, STI services, Immunization services, Pregnancy Care Management, Care Coordination for Children, and Postpartum Maternal/Newborn Home Visiting)
19. Verbalize knowledge to facilitate a referral to available community resources/services when indicated (including Division of Social Services, food and housing assistance, primary care, urgent care, specialty care)
20. Verbalize knowledge of agency specific emergency plan, staff roles and location/contents/maintenance of emergency cart

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