

**CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
POLICY**

SUBJECT: **MEDICAL SERVICES FOR PREGNANT CLIENTS**

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RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: Chief Medical Officer

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I. PURPOSE

Pregnant clients are a high risk group who have medication restrictions and increased medical needs and who require special services not available through routine Central State Hospital (CSH) facilities. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the coordination of prenatal care and services for these clients. CSH does not provide obstetrical services for labor and delivery. Women in active labor will be transferred to an appropriate facility for evaluation and treatment.

II. POLICY

- A. The service Clinical Director (or designee) is responsible for notifying the obstetrical/gynecologic consultant and requesting an appointment date for prenatal evaluation and follow-up prenatal care. This request shall be made by telephone no later than 12 NOON, on the first regular business day following admission.
- B. Assessment procedures assure that every woman of childbearing age who is admitted is also evaluated to determine whether or not she is pregnant. This determination may be made by laboratory test or other appropriate medical documentation.
- C. When a pregnant woman is admitted for treatment, her participation in prenatal care is coordinated in a manner that is consistent with standards of good medical practice and which addresses both her pregnancy and the symptomatology which necessitated the admission. Prenatal care will be coordinated with the client's personal physician. Release of information will be consistent with existing confidentiality regulations.

- D. Placement of any infant delivered during the course of a client's hospitalization at Central State Hospital will be coordinated with the Department of Family and Children Services in the client's county of residence and/or the client's family/legal guardian

Approved:

This policy has been approved by the CEO and CMO in September, 2009.