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TAMPA FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS TERMINATES TITLE X SERVICES



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Tampa, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County has been notified that as of September 30, 2019, Tampa Family Health Centers will no longer offer Title X services to its patients. Following the notification, DOH-Hillsborough has been working on a plan to reduce the impact to the approximately 2,700 patients who will be displaced.

“Suncoast Community Health Centers has agreed to accept all the displaced patients, which I certainly applaud,” said Douglas Holt, DOH-Hillsborough health director. “This will help reduce the impact on the patients who receive help through the important program.”

Through this program, low-income residents in Hillsborough County receive contraception, cancer and other critical health screening services. “Without the program, there would likely be an increase in unplanned pregnancies and STDs,” Dr. Holt added.

DOH-Hillsborough partners with local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to provide Title X services, which offer no-cost and low-cost family planning visits and no-cost medications. Suncoast Community Health Centers and Tampa Family Health Centers have been providing Title X services in Hillsborough County since 2012.

A letter was sent by DOH-Hillsborough to the displaced patients, encouraging them to call 813-653-6100 to make an appointment with Suncoast Community Health Centers. Patients who have questions about the change in services should call the Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County at 813-307-8066.

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