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Free care for women

Grant follows Planned Parenthood de-funding

May 19, 2014, Fort Worth — JPS has expanded healthcare and family planning services available to women with limited income.

JPS has a grant from the state to provide care and contraception for women over 18, free of charge for women with household income below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. For a woman living by herself, 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines is \$23,340 a year. For a woman in a household of four, it is \$47,700. (The 2014 guidelines are at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>.)

Women's services, including screening for breast and cervical cancer, are provided at nine JPS locations throughout Tarrant County, including the main campus south of downtown Fort Worth. No paperwork is required for the first visit. U.S. citizenship is not required.

The \$2.2 million Expanded Primary Health Care grant is part of state efforts to fill gaps created by the 2012 de-funding of Planned Parenthood and subsequent loss of federal funding for the Texas Women's Health Program.

"This adds to the resources that we are already investing to support the health and well-being of the women and children of Tarrant County," said Jillian Elliott, director of the JPS Health Center for Women-Fort Worth. "Preventive care and family planning are important as we pursue our goal of changing some of the area's health statistics, such as the county's infant mortality rate. Having a healthy mom certainly gives you a better start in life."

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