

Notifying the Health Department of HIV infected pregnant women

It is necessary for Miami-Dade County Health Department to be notified as soon as a pregnant woman's HIV status is determined in order to ensure and help facilitate the coordination of her care. It is understood that your facility may be able to provide care to HIV infected women during pregnancy. However, it is the suggestion of the Department of Health and Miami-Dade County Health Department that all pregnant women in Miami-Dade County that is diagnosed with HIV receive specialized care through the UM PRIMM clinic (Perinatal Immunology) located at 1490 NW 10 St. Miami, FL. There is also a suggestion for the HIV infected pregnant woman to receive TOPWA services (Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act) through Borinquen Health Care.

A High Risk Pregnancy Notification Form and TOPWA Referral Form are attached.

The High Risk Pregnancy Notification Form is to be used to make notification of an HIV infected pregnant woman that has been seen in your office for testing and/or treatment. Please complete the form and fax it to the confidential fax number on the top of the form.

The TOPWA referral form is to be completed in order to refer the patient for additional services that she can benefit by receiving. The flyer lists the services that TOPWA provides.

Steps to follow in the event that you have a pregnant woman, please:

- *Refer to UM Perinatal Immunology Clinic (PRIMM) for specialty care and treatment by calling: 305-243-5645
- *Fax the attached notification form to Miami-Dade County Health Department HIV Perinatal Program: 305-470-5533
- *Refer to TOPWA by calling Naylise Sifonte: 305-576-6611

Please call me if you have questions, concerns or need guidance in completing the process. Changes to the recommendations for use of antiretroviral drugs in pregnant women have been made. Please have your providers visit the AIDS *info* and Perinatal Community websites to access the most up-to-date HIV guidelines and resources to ensure complete and accurate care and treatment of your HIV infected patients.

<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines>

<http://miamidade.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/hiv-aids-services/perinatal-hiv-services.html>

Thank you for your efforts in preventing HIV transmission from mother to baby.

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