

**Utah System of Higher Education
Notification of New Administrative Unit**

Institution Submitting Request: University of Utah

Proposed Effective Date¹: 01/01/2019

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposed Unit Title: Division of Family Planning

Sponsoring School, College, or Division: School of Medicine

Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s): Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Proposed Unit Type:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau

Administrative Unit Description/Narrative

Briefly describe the administrative unit.

Over the last 10 years the family planning team in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has grown from a single 0.2 FTE Obstetrician Gynecologist to a team of a dozen people including two full-time Ob/Gyns, three PhD researchers, five support staff and two family planning fellows. This team has already earned more than \$10 million in grant support. Now with a talented and coordinated team, the University of Utah's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology proposes the creation of a Division of Family Planning. This division will continue to improve family planning care for women and families in Utah while mentoring medical providers and researchers. Our established team has demonstrated their devotion to patient-oriented family planning clinical care, research and education, and we are dedicated to providing scientific data to support practices that reduce rates of unintended pregnancy while safeguarding human reproductive capacity.

The work of the current family planning faculty and staff that will grow into the family planning division is consistent with the institutional mission of the University of Utah. Specifically, we will continue to share new knowledge in family planning to educate students and trainees throughout the Health Sciences campus. In addition, we will continue to advance the field of family planning research through innovations in care and the development of new contraceptive methods as we have done through our work with industry and the NIH's Contraceptive Clinical Trials Network. Through these collaborations we have aided in advancing several new contraceptive methods to market. Through our community collaborations we have provided over 10,000 women in Salt Lake County with access to free contraception when they could not afford it. This includes 7,400 women who received free care through the HER Salt Lake Contraceptive Initiative, a community wide intervention that was developed with local community engagement. These contributions have been executed with responsible stewardship of the intellectual, physical, and financial resources of the institution. The team is deeply devoted to the long-term success and viability of the institution. Of note, the functions of the family planning team within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has been financially self sustaining since its first efforts 10 years ago. The positive impact on the Department, the

¹ "Proposed Effective Date" refers to date after Trustee approval when new unit is operational or change to unit is published.

institutions, and the community will continue by facilitating and enhancing the development of optimized patient care, education, and research.

The family planning efforts within the OB/Gyn department have operated as an independent financial entity for the last 10 years. So, this change should not alter the finances for the proposed division. Through research and training projects we have provided over 10,000 women with free contraceptive care and thereby prevented over 2,000 estimated unintended pregnancies. This drives significant potential savings for the State Medicaid program amounting to tens of millions over the last seven years.

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this notification to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Date:

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