
Medical Accuracy Review Contract

Why Conduct a Review?

The Medical Accuracy Review Requirement

All program materials for use by TPP and PREP Innovative Strategies grantees must be reviewed and approved for medical accuracy by OAH and ACYF/FYSB. The two Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) specify this requirement.

Benefits of conducting a medical accuracy review

- Ensure that participants are receiving medically and scientifically accurate information
 - Assist grantees in keeping their program materials up-to-date
 - Increase credibility of teen pregnancy prevention programs
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Overview



What is “Medical Accuracy”?

The definition of “medically accurate and complete” was adopted from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and can be found in the TPP Tier 2 and PREP Funding Opportunity Announcement (2010):

The term “medically accurate and complete” means verified or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods; and published in peer-reviewed journals, where applicable or comprising information that leading professional organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field recognize as accurate, objective, and complete.

Who will be conducting the reviews?

OAH has contracted with Paltech, Inc. to implement and manage the curriculum review process. A team of experts in the fields of adolescent health, reproductive health, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and other related disciplines will review program materials for accuracy of medical information.

What materials will need to be reviewed?

All core curriculum and related education materials for use in Teenage Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) and Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Innovative Strategies projects must be reviewed. This includes, but is not limited to teacher manuals, videos, student booklets, pamphlets, and handouts.

What will the review process entail?

1. HHS sends request to Paltech for review of a curriculum.

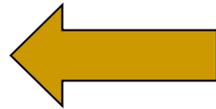


2. Paltech assigns the curriculum to a reviewer.

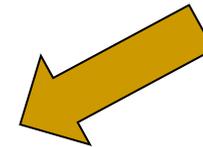


3. Reviewer has 7 to 10 days (depending on length of the program materials) to review the materials, complete a review report, and send the report to Paltech.

6. If no further questions, the report will be sent to grantees using those particular program materials and grantees will be required to make corrective changes, when applicable.



5. Paltech will contact reviewer with any questions regarding report, and send final report to HHS.



Recap of the reviewers' responsibilities:

- All program materials will be reviewed for medical information.
 - Identified medical information will be reviewed for accuracy.
 - Any medical accuracy issues observed will be recorded in a review report.
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What are examples of potential medical accuracy issues?

Examples of medical accuracy issues that may arise include information that is:

- Inaccurate
 - Incomplete
 - Outdated
 - Poorly referenced or supported by non-scientific “studies” (i.e., polling data, opinion, etc.)
 - Confusing/misleading
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In what format will medical accuracy issues be reported?

XYZ Curriculum - Teacher's Manual

Issue 1:

- ❑ Page Number:
 - ❑ Paragraph or Exhibit:
 - ❑ Medical Topic(s):
 - ❑ Medical Accuracy Issue:
 - ❑ Recommendation:
 - ❑ Reference:
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What are the grantees' responsibilities?

- Make sure your project officer has a copy of your program materials
 - Once you receive a review report, notify Paltech of receipt
 - Incorporate required changes and edits into your program materials
 - Submit a copy of revisions within 30 days of receipt of review report
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Should you have any questions or need assistance making corrective changes, please contact:

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