



**Kern County Public Health Department**  
Public Health Nursing Referral • Phone 661-868-0502 • Fax 661-868-0218

**Please inform patient all services offered by the Department of Public Health are completely voluntary.**

**Referring Agency/Provider**

AGENCY	PRIMARY REFERRER			
ADDRESS	DATE OF REFERRAL			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	FAX

**Client Information**

LAST	FIRST	DOB	SEX	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>
INSURANCE	PRIMARY LANGUAGE	PHONE	RACE		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP		
PARENT/GUARDIAN (FULL NAME) IF APPLICABLE			DOB		

**Failure to complete the following sections below can result in a denial of the referral and delay services to the patient.**

Is the patient/parent/guardian aware that referral to Public Health has been made? (Required)      Yes      No

Has the patient been referred to other agencies?      Yes      No      Which agencies? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what type of referral below (REQUIRED)	Services requested from a Public Health Nurse (REQUIRED)
High Risk Infant	
High Risk Child	Health Education
Postpartum/Birth Control/Family Planning	Linkage to Services
Disease Prevention/Chronic Condition	Needs Medical Home
Prediabetes	Food Insecurity
Diabetes	Unstable Housing
Asthma	
Hypertension	
Obesity/Nutrition	
Frequent Ambulance/Emergency Room Usage	
Other:	

\* Note details, dates, toxicology screen, other test results, and/or specific program requests below in *Reason for Referral*. Please see back for programs offered by KCPHD.

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**\* Reason for Referral** (include as much relevant information for the patient as possible)

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**KCPHD Use Only**

Date Rec'd	Program Code	CT	PHN	Date to PHN	ID#
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- ✎ Referrals must be encrypted if sent through email. The password should follow in a separate email.
- ✎ Programs offered through Kern County Public Health Services Department:
  - ✎ **Black Infant Health (BIH)** — Case Management and group intervention sessions to educate and empower pregnant and mothering African American women in an effort to decrease health disparities. Must be 16 years old, African American, and pregnant.  
[Click here for the Black Infant Health Referral Form](#)
  - ✎ **California Children's Services (CCS)** — State program that helps children up to 21 years old with certain diseases or health problems to get health care and services they need and connects them with doctors and specialized health care people who knows how to care for their complex medical conditions.  
[Click here for the California Children's Services Webpage](#)
  - ✎ **Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)** — 2-year program for expectant mothers to develop the skills to take better care of themselves and their babies. Must be eligible for Medi-Cal or Emergency Medi-Cal.  
[Click here for the Nurse Family Partnership Webpage](#)
  - ✎ **Perinatal Outreach Program (POP)** — Free case management linking pregnant women to prenatal care for healthy pregnancy outcomes.  
[Click here for the Perinatal Outreach Program Referral Form](#)
  - ✎ **Public Health Nursing** — High risk infants, postpartum, adult and child chronic disease
    - ✎ **Referrals for information on Birth Control** within Public Health Nursing
      - Patient must be undecided on birth control methods to qualify
    - ✎ **Frequent Ambulance/Emergency Room Usage** within Public Health Nursing
      - Utilize ER services more than 10 times in a 6 month period
      - At least 18 years old or older
      - Resident of Kern County

**Please note:** Public Health does not take cases where hygiene/home cleanliness is the only concern.

Below are some referrals we do not follow:

- ◆ Head lice
- ◆ Bed bugs
- ◆ Patients already linked to services
- ◆ Patients with no locating information
- ◆ History of violence towards Health Care Workers
- ◆ Acute illnesses (cold, cough, rash, stomach flu, etc.)
- ◆ Mental Health only, CPS or APS referrals
- ◆ No social issues and no sequelae of NICU admit
- ◆ Direct patient care (dressing changes, wound care, administer medications, etc.)
- ◆ Patient residing outside of Kern County
- ◆ Currently incarcerated