Reviewer’s report

Title: Do we still need Title X? Perceptions of and preferences for federally-funded family planning clinics

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Reviewer: Cheryl Vamos

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The Background section should be condensed considerably. Although the statistics underscoring the prevalence of unintended pregnancy and STIs are important, these should be summarized.

2. A literature review summarizing previous research examining Title X’s clients’ needs, experiences and perceptions should be included. There is currently no mention of previous research on this topic presented in the Background section; such research exists and this is required to frame what we already know on this topic, and what this new/current study adds.

3. What was the inclusion/exclusion criteria for participation? Were all Title X clients eligible? If so, this needs to be stated.

4. It would be good to indicate what proportion of surveys were completed at the different clinic settings (e.g., health departments; Planned Parenthood clinics; FQHC’s, etc.), as perhaps the data reflect participants experiences attending mostly one clinic; thus, this would indicate the generalizability of the responses across the total clinics.

5. The main purpose of the study was to assess clients’ perceptions/preferences regarding sexual and reproductive. However, the author(s) also state that this study is needed to ascertain whether these services are still needed in light of the new ACA. Therefore, a limitation of this study is the lack of questions exploring participants’ perceptions regarding the need and value of Title X. There are no measures connecting the Title X needs/experiences with the changing healthcare system landscape.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below.