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2. Family planning clinics.
3. Clinics engaging in screening for the purposes of the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment component of the Medicaid Program.
4. Out-patient surgical clinics.
5. Other clinics authorized under 42 CFR 440.90.

- 9a. Abortion services are reimbursable under the Medical Assistance Program only when service to provide an abortion or induce miscarriage is, in the opinion of the physician, necessary for the preservation of the life of the woman seeking such treatment or to comply with federal court order in the case of *Hope vs. Childers*. Any request for program payment for an abortion or induced miscarriage must be justified by a signed physician certification documenting that in the physician's opinion the appropriate circumstances, as outlined in sentence one of this paragraph, existed. A copy of the completed certification form and an operative report shall accompany each claim submitted for payment. However, when medical services not routinely related to the uncovered abortion service are required, the utilization of an uncovered abortion service shall not preclude the recipient from receipt of medical services normally available through the Medical Assistance Program.

9b. Specialized Children's Services Clinics

Specialized Children's Services Clinics provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary evaluation, assessment, and treatment of sexually and physically abused children under the age of 21, based on medical necessity. A team of professionals representing a variety of medical, social, and legal disciplines and advocates assesses the child and coordinates and/or provides needed services.

Medicaid coverage of services provided by clinics is limited to medical examinations and ongoing mental health treatment.

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