

State: Alabama

Demonstration Name: Alabama Plan First Family Planning Demonstration

Description & Status:

Under this Demonstration, the State will provide a limited Medicaid benefit package of family planning and family planning-related services to populations currently not covered under the Medicaid State plan. Under this Demonstration, Alabama expects to promote the objectives of title XIX by:

- Increasing the portion of eligible women enrolled in the Demonstration and reducing age, race and geographic disparities among enrollees;
- Maintaining high levels of awareness of the Demonstration among program enrollees;
- Increasing the portion of the Demonstration enrollees using family planning services initially after enrollment and in subsequent years of enrollment by improving access to services and increasing the rate of return visits for care;
- Increasing the portion of family planning visits that include referrals for primary care services where indicated; and
- Maintaining birth rates among Demonstration service users that are lower than the estimated birth rates that would be occurring in the absence of the Demonstration.

Populations:

Women, ages 19 through 55, who are losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum period and women, ages 19 through 55, who have family income at or below 133 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

Approval Date: June 29, 2000

Effective Date: October 1, 2000

Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

Pending Actions:

There are no pending actions at this time.

ALABAMA
SECTION 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

Program Name: Alabama Plan First Family Planning Demonstration

Initial Application

Date Proposal Submitted: March 16, 1999
Date Proposal Approved: June 29, 2000
Date of Implementation: October 1, 2000
Expiration Date: September 30, 2005
Temporary extension granted to March 31, 2006

First Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: February 22, 2005
Date Approved: April 23, 2006
Expiration Date: September 30, 2008

Second Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: March 31, 2008
Date Approved: September 30, 2008
Expiration Date: September 30, 2011
Temporary extension granted until April 30, 2012

Third Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: October 4, 2011
Date Approved: April 12, 2012
Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

SUMMARY

The Demonstration expands the provision of family planning and family planning-related services to women, ages 19 through 55, who are losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum period and women, ages 19 through 55, who have family income at or below 133 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

ELIGIBILITY

The Alabama family planning section 1115(a) Medicaid Demonstration expands the provision of family planning and family planning-related services to women, ages 19 through 55, meeting the following eligibility criteria and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

1. Women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage (SOBRA pregnant women) at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum period and who have a family income at or below 133 percent of the FPL at the time of annual redetermination; or
2. Women who have family income at or below 133 percent of the FPL.

The Demonstration enables the State to utilize Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) determinations for women to coincide with the State's use of ELE for children in Medicaid and CHIP. CMS approved the State's ELE Medicaid and CHIP State Plan amendments (SPAs) for children in October 2009 with SNAP and TANF as the Express Lane Agency. The ELE procedures outlined in the companion Medicaid SPA will also apply to ELE for the Demonstration population.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The benefits for this Demonstration are offered through a Fee for Service model.

BENEFITS

Family planning services and supplies are those services and supplies whose primary purpose is family planning and which are provided in a family planning setting, such as approved methods of contraception, sexually transmitted infection (STI)/sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, Pap smears and pelvic exams, contraceptive management, patient education and counseling.

Family planning-related services and supplies are defined as those services provided as part of or as follow-up to a family planning visit. Such services are provided because a "family planning-related" problem was identified and/or diagnosed during a routine or periodic family planning visit, such as a colposcopy or repeat Pap smears as follow up to an abnormal Pap smear, and drugs/treatment for STIs/STDs.

EVALUATION PLAN

The State's evaluation plan focuses on objectives such as:

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