

State: Florida

Demonstration Name: Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver

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, Florida expects to promote the objectives of title XIX by:

- Increasing access to family planning services;
- Increasing child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use;
- Reducing the number of unintended pregnancies in Florida; and
- Reducing Florida's Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services.

Populations:

Women of childbearing age losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage or full Medicaid coverage, who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level, and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services. Eligibility is limited to 2 years after losing Medicaid coverage, subject to an annual redetermination.

Approval Date: August 23, 1998

Effective Date: October 1, 1998

Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

Pending Actions:

Nothing is pending at this time.

FLORIDA
SECTION 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

Program Name: Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver

Initial Application

Date Proposal Submitted: September 22, 1997
Date Proposal Approved: August 23, 1998
Date of Implementation: October 1, 1998
Expiration Date: September 30, 2003
Temporary extension granted to November 30, 2003

First Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: June 30, 2003
Date Approved: November 26, 2003
Expiration Date: November 30, 2006

Second Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: August 17, 2006
Date Approved: December 21, 2006
Expiration Date: November 30, 2009
Temporary extensions granted through June 30, 2011

Third Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: October 2, 2009
Date Approved: June 24, 2011
Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

SUMMARY

The Demonstration provides family planning and family planning-related services for two years to women of childbearing age losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage or full Medicaid coverage, who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services.

ELIGIBILITY

Women of childbearing age meeting the following criteria who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, CHIP or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services:

1. Women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage (SOBRA pregnant women) at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum and who have family income at or below 185 percent of the FPL at the time of annual redetermination; and
2. Women losing Medicaid coverage who have family income at or below 185 percent of the FPL.

Eligibility is limited to two years after losing Medicaid coverage, subject to an annual redetermination.

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:

- Increasing access to family planning services;
- Reducing the number of unintended pregnancies in Florida; and
- Reducing Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services.