

State: Georgia

Demonstration Name: Georgia Planning for Health Babies

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, Georgia expects to promote the objectives of title XIX as follows to:

- Reduce Georgia's low birth weight (LBW) and very low birth weight (VLBW) rates;
- Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Georgia;
- Reduce Georgia's Medicaid cost by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services;
- Provide access to inter-pregnancy care health services for eligible women who have previously delivered a VLBW baby; and
- Increase child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use.

Populations:

Women, ages 18- 44, with a family income at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and do not have any other health insurance. The program also provides coverage for inter-pregnancy care services to women who meet the above eligibility criteria and have delivered a very low birth weight baby on or after January 1, 2011.

Approval Date: October 29, 2010

Effective Date: January 1, 2011

Expiration Date: December 31, 2012

Pending Actions:

There are no pending actions at this time.

GEORGIA
SECTION 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

Program Name: Georgia Planning for Healthy Babies

Initial Application

Date Proposal Submitted: February 19, 2010
Date Proposal Approved: October 29, 2010
Date of Implementation: January 1, 2011
Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

SUMMARY

The Georgia Planning for Healthy Babies Demonstration provides family planning and family planning related services to women, ages 18- 44, with a family income at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and do not have any other health insurance. The program also provides coverage for inter-pregnancy care services to women who meet the above eligibility criteria and have delivered a very low birth weight baby on or after January 1, 2011.

ELIGIBILITY

The Demonstration currently provides family planning and family planning-related services for women, ages 18 through 44, meeting the following criteria who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) or have any other health insurance coverage:

- Women who have family income at or below 200 percent of the FPL.

The Demonstration also provides coverage for inter-pregnancy care services to those women who meet the above criteria and have delivered a very low weight baby on or after January 1, 2011.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The benefits for this Demonstration are offered through a managed care delivery system.

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 to:

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