

State: Mississippi

Demonstration Name: The Mississippi Family Planning Medicaid Expansion Project

Description & Status:

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

- Increase access to and use of family planning services by the target population;
- Improve birth outcomes and the health of women by increasing the child spacing interval among the target population;
- Reduce teen pregnancy and repeat births among teens;
- Reducing Mississippi's Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services; and
- Increase the number of primary care referrals to improve the health of the target population.

Populations:

Women of childbearing age who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level, and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or have health insurance coverage.

Approval Date: January 31, 2003

Effective Date: October 1, 2003

Renewal Date: October 30, 2008

Original Expiration Date: September 30, 2011
Currently on temporary extension.

Pending Actions:

On April 6, 2011 Mississippi requested a renewal of this demonstration. This request is under review.

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SECTION 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

Program Name: **The Mississippi Family Planning Medicaid Expansion Project**

Initial Application

Date Proposal Submitted: October 31, 2000
Date Proposal Approved: January 31, 2003
Date of Implementation: October 1, 2003
Expiration Date: September 30, 2008

First Renewal

Date Proposal Submitted: May 12, 2008
Date Approved: October 30, 2008 (effective October 1, 2008)
Original Expiration Date: September 30, 2011
 Currently on temporary extension

SUMMARY

The Demonstration provides family planning and family planning-related services to women of child bearing age who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or have health insurance coverage.

ELIGIBILITY

Women of childbearing age who have a family income at or below 185 percent of the FPL, and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or have health insurance coverage.

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 the following objectives:

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