

State: North Carolina

Demonstration Name: North Carolina Family Planning Waiver Program

Description & Status:

Under this Demonstration, the State will provide a limited Medicaid benefit package of family planning and family planning services to populations currently not covered under the Medicaid State plan. Under this Demonstration, North Carolina 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 North Carolina; and
- Reducing North Carolina's Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services.

Populations:

Men and women, over the age of 18, who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

Approval Date: November 5, 2004

Effective Date: October 1, 2005

Expiration Date: September 30, 2010
Currently operating under temporary extension

Pending Actions:

On March 31, 2010, the State submitted a Demonstration extension request. The Demonstration is currently on temporary extension as the State considers its options to continue to pursue the Demonstration extension or the new State Plan family planning eligibility option.

NORTH CAROLINA
SECTION 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET

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Initial Application

Date Proposal Submitted: October 30, 2004
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SUMMARY

The Demonstration provides family planning and family planning-related services to men and women, over the age of 18, who have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

ELIGIBILITY

Men and women, over the age of 18, who have family income at or below 185 percent of the FPL, and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

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 North Carolina; and
- Reducing Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services.