

April 30, 2025

Stuart Portman
Executive Director, Division of Medical Assistance Plans
Department of Community Health
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Dear Director Portman:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving an amendment to Georgia's section 1115(a) demonstration titled "Planning for Healthy Babies" (Project Number 11-W00249/4) (the "demonstration"), in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"). This amendment will be effective on the date of approval, through December 31, 2029, upon which date, unless extended or otherwise amended, all authorities granted to operate this demonstration will expire.

CMS determined that this demonstration categorized sexually transmitted infection (STI)/sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis services as a family planning service, which does not conform with State Medicaid Director Letters #10-013¹, #14-003², and #16-008³. In this guidance, CMS clarified that family planning related services are those services that are medical diagnosis services, including for STIs/STDs, that are provided pursuant to a family planning service. Family planning services must be for the purpose of preventing or delaying pregnancy. Therefore, in this amendment, CMS has identified STI/STD screening services as a family planning service and STI/STD diagnosis as a family planning related service.

Budget Neutrality

There is no change to budget neutrality for this amendment.

Monitoring and Evaluation

There is no change to monitoring or evaluation requirements for this amendment.

¹ <https://downloads.cms.gov/cmsgov/archived-downloads/SMDL/downloads/SMD10013.pdf>

² <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd-14-003.pdf>

³ <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho16008.pdf>

Public Notice

Special Terms and Condition (STC) 3 gives CMS the right to amend the STCs to reflect changes in Medicaid law, regulation, or policy without requiring the state to submit an amendment to the demonstration, as described in STC 7. The state was alerted to this change on February 26, 2025, more than 30 business days prior to approval, and was given an opportunity to review the changes. Pursuant to STC 3, there was no state or federal public comment period needed.


Other Information

The award is subject to CMS receiving written acceptance of this award within 30 days of the date of this approval letter. Your project officer for this demonstration is Wanda Boone-Massey, who is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and her contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Jacey Cooper, Director, State Demonstrations Group, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, at (410) 786-9686.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Etta Hawkins, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group