



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
MEDICAID

FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER DEMONSTRATION EXTENSION REQUEST

FULL PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD

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Under the provisions of Title 42, Section 431.408, Code of Federal Regulations, public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid proposed demonstration extension request of the Family Planning Waiver (FPW), effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

The current, temporary extension of the Mississippi Family Planning Waiver 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver 11-W-00157/4 will expire on June 30, 2014.

Program Description, Goals and Objectives

Currently, the Division of Medicaid's FPW is designed to provide family planning services to eligible women throughout the state of MS. With this demonstration extension request, the Division of Medicaid will continue FPW services in the same manner but will include eligible men to increase awareness, importance and benefits of birth spacing as well as coverage of certain family planning related services. The goals of the FPW are to improve access to family planning services by extending eligibility for family planning benefits to men and expanding outreach and education services. The primary objective of the FPW program is to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and subsequent births reimbursed by the Division of Medicaid.

The success of the FPW is supported by the following data:

- The demonstration has increased the number of women receiving family planning services. Over 300,000 women have accessed family planning services through this demonstration from 2004 through 2013. These women may have otherwise been unable to obtain these family planning services.
- Since 2004, Medicaid savings are well over \$450 million from this demonstration.
- The repeat birth rates for women accessing FPW services have dropped for most age groups with significant decreases among teens.

The Proposed Health Care Delivery System and Eligibility Requirements, Benefit Coverage and Cost Sharing

The Division of Medicaid's FPW operates on a state wide basis through a partnership with the MS Department of Health (MSDH) as well as private Medicaid providers. FPW enrollment applications are located at a MSDH clinic, Medicaid Regional Office or accessed online at www.medicaid.ms.gov. The completed application may be faxed to enrollment at (601) 576-4164, emailed to application@medicaid.ms.gov, or mailed to the regional office that serves the individual's county of residence. Individuals may also request an application to be mailed by calling the DOM at 1-800-421-2408 or contacting the regional office that serves the individual's county of residence.. Effective March 1, 2014, IRS rules for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) are used to determine a household's income.

MS DOM uses an auto-enrollment process for women losing Medicaid pregnancy coverage at the conclusion of 60 days postpartum. These individuals are auto enrolled on the first day of the month following the conclusion of the 60 days postpartum. Eligibility for the individual is systematically rolled over into the Family Planning Waiver program. Since the eligibility requirements for the Medicaid pregnancy coverage have already been verified, no other verification takes place with this auto enrollment.

Currently, the following population is eligible for the FPW.

- Women:
 - Ages 13 through 44,
 - Capable of reproducing,
 - Not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other creditable health insurance coverage,
 - With income no more than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size, and
 - Whose Medicaid eligibility has ended due to the conclusion of their 60-day postpartum period.

Per guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the demonstration extension will include eligibility for:

- Men:
 - Ages 13 through 44,
 - Capable of reproducing,
 - With income no more than 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size, and
 - Not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other creditable health insurance coverage.

There are no required premiums, co-payments or deductibles for individuals enrolled in the FPW.

Estimated Expected Annual Enrollment and Annual Aggregate Expenditures

The estimate in the expected increase in the annual enrollment is 798 individuals which represents an increase of three percent (3%) increase in the average enrollment of 26,600 participants. The estimate of the expected increase in annual expenditures is \$150,000 which represents a three percent (3%) increase in the average annual expenditure of \$5,000,000.

The demonstration will not affect and/or modify other components of the state's current Medicaid and CHIP programs outside of eligibility, benefits, cost sharing or delivery systems.

The Hypothesis and Evaluation Parameters

The hypothesis of the FPW is enrollment of eligible men in the FPW and increasing awareness, importance and benefits of birth spacing reduces the number of unintended pregnancies in the Medicaid and FPW populations.

The evaluation parameters of the demonstration include:

- Number of eligible women who received a Medicaid State Plan pregnancy-related service enrolling in FPW.
- Birth outcomes and length of the inter-pregnancy interval among women in the target population.
- Number of men and women enrolled annually in the FPW.
- Number of teen pregnancies.
- Number of repeat births to teens.
- Number of deliveries reimbursed by the Division of Medicaid
- Annual Medicaid expenditures for prenatal, delivery, newborn and infant care.
- Savings in annual Medicaid spending attributable to family planning services to women for one year postpartum.

Location and Internet Address of Demonstration Application for Public Comment and Review

Copies of the demonstration application may be requested in writing from the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Bureau of Policy, Planning and Development, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or at www.medicaid.ms.gov.

Postal and Internet Email Address for Sending and Reviewing Comments

Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Bureau of Policy, Planning and Development, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the April 14, 2014, public notice in the Clarion Ledger.

Comments will be available for public review at the above address and at www.medicaid.ms.gov.

Public Hearings

A public hearing and teleconference on this proposed demonstration extension request is being held Friday, April 18, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Woolfolk State Building, Room 145 located at 501 N. West Street, Jackson, MS. To join the teleconference dial toll-free 1-877-820-7831 and enter the attendee access code: 7251343.

A second public hearing is being held Friday, April 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the War Memorial Building located at 120 North State Street, Jackson, MS.

The Specific Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

MS is requesting waiver of selected Medicaid requirements to enable the operation of the MS Family Planning Waiver as a Demonstration that will effectively meet the objectives as well as budget neutrality expectations. All Medicaid requirements apply except for the following:

Medicaid Requirement	Expenditure Authority	Waiver Request
Proper and Efficient Administration: Transportation	Section 1902(a)(4)insofar as it incorporates 42 CFR 431.53	To the extent necessary to enable the State to not assure transportation to and from providers for the Demonstration population.
Comparability: Amount, Duration and Scope of Services	Section 1902(a)(10)(B)	To the extent necessary to allow the State to offer the Demonstration population a benefit package consisting only of family planning-related services.
Prospective Payment for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Agencies	Section 1902(a)(15)	To the extent necessary for the State to establish reimbursement levels to these agencies that will compensate them solely for family planning and family planning-related services.
Comparability: Eligibility Procedures	Section 1902(a)(17)	To the extent necessary to allow the State to no include parental income when determining eligibility for individuals ages 13 through 15 for the Family Planning Waiver
Comparability: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)	Section 1902(a)(43)(A)	To the extent necessary to enable the State to not furnish or arrange for EPSDT services to the Demonstration population.