



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF
MEDICAID

FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER DEMONSTRATION EXTENSION REQUEST

FULL PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD

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Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 431.408, public notice is hereby given to the submission of a Medicaid proposed demonstration renewal request of the Family Planning Waiver (FPW), effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

The current, extension of the Mississippi Family Planning Waiver 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver 11-W-00157/4 will expire on December 31, 2017.

Program Description, Goals and Objectives

Currently, the Division of Medicaid's FPW is designed to provide family planning and family planning related services to eligible women and men throughout the state of MS. With this demonstration renewal request, the Division of Medicaid will continue FPW services in the same manner to increase awareness of the 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 and family planning related services by extending eligibility for family planning benefits to certain women and men and expand outreach and education services. The primary objective of the FPW demonstration is to reduce the number of unplanned 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 and men receiving family planning services and family planning related services. More than 500,000 women and men have accessed family planning services through this demonstration from 2004 through 2015. Women and men may have otherwise been unable to obtain these family planning services.
- 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 MSDH clinics, Medicaid Regional Offices 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 sixty (60) days postpartum period. These individuals are auto enrolled on the first day of the month following the conclusion of the sixty (60) days postpartum period. Eligibility for the individual is systematically rolled over into the FPW demonstration. Since the eligibility requirements for the Medicaid pregnancy coverage have already been verified, no other verification takes place with this auto enrollment.

The following populations are eligible for the FPW:

- Women who are no longer eligible for Medicaid coverage at the conclusion of their sixty (60) day postpartum period, and
- Women and men:
 - Ages thirteen (13) through forty-four (44),
 - Who are capable of reproducing,
 - Not otherwise enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other creditable health insurance coverage, and
 - Have income no more than one hundred and eighty-five percent (185%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size.

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

Estimated Expected Annual Enrollment and Annual Aggregate Expenditures

The estimated expected increase in the annual enrollment is 1,394 individuals which represents an increase of four and three tenths percent (4.3%) in the average enrollment of 32,422 participants. The estimate of the expected increase in annual expenditures is \$256,322 which represents a four and three-tenths percent (4.3%) increase in the average annual expenditure of \$5,960,976.

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 that enrollment of eligible women and men in the FPW and increasing awareness of the importance and benefits of birth spacing will reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies in the FPW and Medicaid 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, and newborn services.
- Savings in annual Medicaid spending attributable to family planning and family planning related 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, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov or may be requested at Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov or 601-359-2081.

Postal and Internet Email Address for Sending and Reviewing Comments

Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the publication of public notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.

Public Hearings

The first public hearing on this proposed demonstration request is scheduled for Tuesday November 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Woolfolk State Building, Room 145 located at 501 N. West Street, Jackson, MS.

The second public hearing and teleconference on this proposed demonstration request is being held Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the War Memorial Auditorium

located at 120 North State Street, Jackson, MS. To join the teleconference dial toll-free 1-877-820-7831 and enter the attendee access code: 8930051.

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 not 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.