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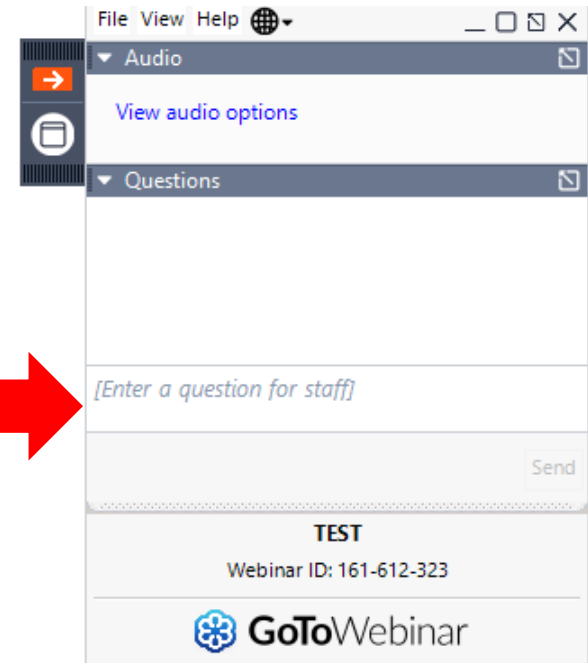
## Managed Medical Assistance and Family Planning Waiver Amendment Requests

Agency for Health Care Administration  
Public Meeting  
August 9, 2021



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# 1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Section 1115 of the Social Security Act grants the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to approve experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects.
- Demonstrations authorized under this authority provide states additional flexibility to design and improve health care delivery systems and programs.
- Policy approaches that may be demonstrated and evaluated include:
  1. Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise eligible for Florida Medicaid or CHIP
  2. Providing services not typically covered by Florida Medicaid
  3. Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs



# Florida's 1115 Waivers

Managed Medical Assistance Waiver (MMA)

Current Waiver Approval Period:

January 15, 2021 through June 30, 2030

Family Planning Waiver

Current Waiver Approval Period:

March 8, 2019 through June 30, 2023



# MMA Waiver Overview

- July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014: Three-Year Extension Granted
  - **MMA Waiver Amendment: June 2013**
    - The Agency received CMS approval to amend the waiver to terminate the Medicaid Reform program, implement the MMA program statewide, and rename the waiver to the “Managed Medical Assistance.”
- July 31, 2014 – June 30, 2017: Three-Year Extension Granted
- July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022: Five-Year Extension Granted
- January 15, 2021 – June 30, 2030: Ten-Year Extension Granted



# Family Planning Waiver Overview

- Initially approved in 1998.
- Serves women ages 14 through 55 years who have lost Medicaid coverage and have an income at or below 191% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Provides eligible women 24 months of family planning services.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reauthorized the waiver through June 30, 2023.



# MMA and Family Planning Waivers: Postpartum Amendment Request

Senate Bill 2518, passed by the Florida Legislature in 2021, amended §409.903, Florida Statutes, to extend the postpartum eligibility coverage period from 60-days, as prescribed in the Social Security Act (SSA) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), to 12-months.

Through these amendment, the State is seeking to improve postpartum maternal morbidity and mortality in the state by extending access to quality care and by ensuring continuity of care and care coordination during the postpartum period. The amendment to the waiver will allow the State to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60-days to 12-months.

The covered services and eligibility requirements will remain the same.



# MMA Waiver: Postpartum Amendment Request

To enact this legislation, the State is requesting the following waiver authorities for the MMA Waiver:

- 42 CFR 435.4: To define pregnant women through 12-months postpartum instead of 60 days postpartum.
- 42 CFR 435.170: To extend eligibility for pregnant women from 60-days to 12-months postpartum and to extend continuous eligibility for pregnant women from 60-days to 12-months postpartum.
- 42 CFR 435.916(a): To extend the renewal of MAGI-based income to the end of the 12-month postpartum period.





# Family Planning Waiver: Postpartum Amendment Request

To align the Family Planning Waiver with the updated Postpartum Extension period, the State is seeking an amendment to extend the window of eligibility for the Family Planning Waiver from 60-days postpartum to 12-months postpartum.



# MMA Amendment Request: Low-Income Pool Provider

Senate Bill 2500, passed by the Florida Legislature in 2021, included a provision authorizing non-profit licensed behavioral health providers who participate in the coordinated system of care in counties that have implemented indigent care programs as qualifying community behavioral health providers eligible to receive Low-Income Pool (LIP) funding.

The State is requesting this provider type be included under the LIP provisions of the MMA Waiver, located in Special Term and Condition (STC) 69(d) Community Behavioral Health Providers.



# MMA Amendment Request: Continuance Letters

- The current STCs require the State to submit a letter to CMS each year, following the State's Legislative Session, reauthorizing the Waiver of Retroactive Eligibility and the Essential Provider Contracting provisions of the waiver.
- Previously, the Florida Legislature reauthorized these provisions for a specified amount of time; however, during this past legislative session, these provisions were extended without expiration.
- The State is requesting a revision of the language requiring an annual continuance letter, which is contained in Waiver Authority four and STC 19(b), regarding the waiver of retroactive eligibility, and STC 69 concerning the essential provider contracting requirement.
- The requested revision would remove the continuance letter requirement align with the provisions contained in Senate Bill 2518.



# Public Notice and Comment Period

Prior to submitting an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an amendment to a previously approved demonstration project, the State must provide **at least a 30-day** public notice and comment period.

The public notice documents, linked below, include a comprehensive description of the amendment request as well as a means for public comment. The public notice document will be available for review and comment from July 26, 2021 – August 24, 2021.

## **MMA Waiver Amendment Public Notice Document:**

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy and Quality/Policy/federal auth orities/federal waivers/mma fed auth.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy%20and%20Quality/Policy/federal%20auth%20orities/federal%20waivers/mma%20fed%20auth.shtml)

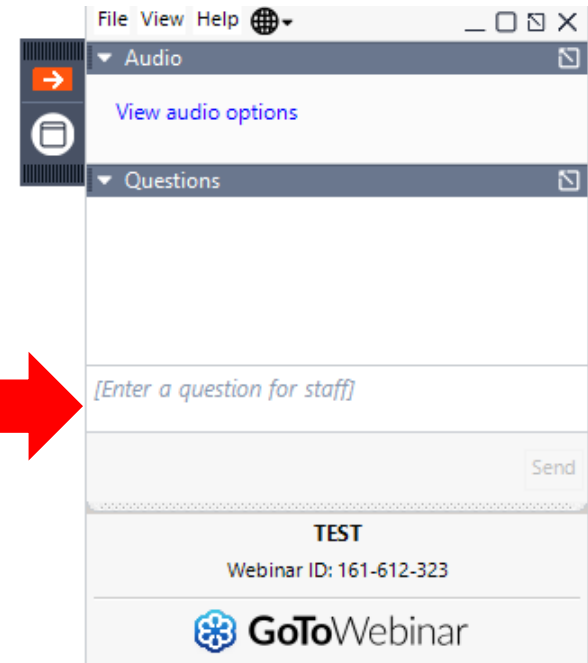
## **Family Planning Waiver Amendment Public Notice Document:**

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family Planning/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family%20Planning/index.shtml)



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# Public Comment Submission

Comments regarding the MMA and Family Planning Waiver amendment requests may be submitted to the Agency during the public meetings or submitted directly to the Agency during the public comment period, which is July 26, 2021 – August 24, 2021:

**Mail:** 1115 MMA/Family Planning Waiver  
Amendment Request  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32308

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