Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver 3-Year 1115 Waiver Extension Request

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Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Meeting

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Waiver Authorization

- Initial 5-Year Period (1998-2003)
- Three-Year Extension Period (2003-2006)
- Three-Year Extension Period (2006-2009)
- Current Extension Period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014



1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Experimental, Pilot or Demonstration Projects.
 - Benefit Packages, Reimbursement Methodologies, Covering Expanded Groups.
 - States Commit to a Policy Experiment that must be Formally Evaluated.
- 1115(a)(1) allows the Secretary to waive compliance with most of the requirements in the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State Plans.
- 1115(a)(2) allows the Secretary to regard as expenditures costs that would not otherwise be matchable under Medicaid or SCHIP.
- If granted, the initial approval period is 5 years and the State may request two 3 year extensions of the program.



Waiver Extension Requirements

- Florida is required to publish a "Public Notice" document for public input 30 days prior to submitting the waiver extension request.
- The public notice document is available at the following link for review and comment from April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/extension.shtml.
- Written comments may be emailed to <u>FamilyPlanningWaiver@ahca.myflorida.com</u> or mailed to:

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Elements of the Public Notice Document

- Program description, goals and objectives.
- Proposed health care delivery system and eligibility requirements, benefit coverage and cost sharing required of individuals impacted by the waiver.
- Estimate of expected increase or decrease in annual enrollment and annual aggregate expenditures.
- Hypothesis and evaluation parameters of the waiver.
- Specific waiver and expenditure authorities.
- Locations and Internet address where the public notice document is available for public review.
- Postal and Internet e-mail addresses where comments may be submitted and reviewed by the public for a minimum of 30-days.
- The location, date and time of at least two public hearings held to solicit public input on the waiver extension request.



Elements of the Waiver Extension Request

- Historical narrative summary of the demonstration project.
- Documentation of compliance with special terms and conditions of the waiver.
- List of waiver and expenditure authorities requested.
- Summary of quality activities under the waiver.
- Documentation of compliance with budget neutrality cap and financial data.
- Evaluation report including evaluation activities and findings to date.
- Documentation of public process in accordance with federal and state regulations.



Current Waiver Program

The Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver expands the provision of family planning and family planning-related services, in all 67 counties, to women ages 14 through 55, losing their Medicaid coverage, who:

- Have family income at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL); and
- Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, SCHIP or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services.

*Eligibility is limited to 2 years after losing Medicaid coverage, subject to an annual redetermination.



Goals and Objectives

- The overarching goal of the Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver is to increase the number of women receiving Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver services who are between the ages of 14 through 55 and have income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.
- The overall Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver objectives are:
 - Increase access to family planning services;
 - Increase child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use;
 - Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Florida; and
 - Reduce Florida's Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Medicaid pregnancy-related services.



Covered Services

- Physical exams
- Family planning counseling and pregnancy tests
- Birth control supplies
- Colposcopies and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases
- Related pharmaceuticals and laboratory tests



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May be accessed from the Department of Health website at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/famplan/waiver.html.



Impact of the Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Extension

- The extension does not impact any other eligibility or service provision of the Medicaid or SCHIP programs.
- Extension of the waiver will allow the Agency to continue providing family planning services to the eligible population.



Begin Public Comment

Public Comment Period:

April 1, 2014 – April 30, 2014

Public Meeting Locations:

- April 22, 2014: Agency for Health Care Administration, Tallahassee, Florida
- April 24, 2014: Medicaid Area Office Six, Tampa, Florida

Details regarding the meetings may be viewed at:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/extension.shtml

