Florida Medicaid Family Planning Waiver

Agency for Health Care Administration

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1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Section 1115 of the Social Security Act gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to approve experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects.
- These demonstrations give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs.
- States can demonstrate and evaluate policy approaches such as:
 - Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Florida Medicaid or CHIP eligible.
 - Providing services not typically covered by Florida Medicaid.
 - Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.
- If granted, the initial approval period is five years, and the State may request additional three-year extensions of the program.

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Current Waiver Program

- Expands the provision of family planning and family planning-related services, in all 67 counties, to women ages 14 through 55, losing their Florida Medicaid coverage, who:
- Have family income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL); and
- Are not otherwise eligible for Florida Medicaid, State CHIP, or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services.

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



Goal

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.



Objectives

- Increase access to family planning services.
- Increase child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use.
- Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Florida.
- Reduce Florida Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Florida Medicaid pregnancy-related services.



Evaluation

- The Family Planning waiver includes an evaluation that looks at the four objectives of the Waiver and if they are being met.
- The Agency contracts with the University of Florida's Family Data Center to complete the evaluation.
- The research team will develop and submit a draft report with this information to the Agency in December 2015.



Waiver History

- Initially approved in 1998
- Current Waiver Period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017



Covered Services

- Physical exams
- Family planning counseling
- Pregnancy tests
- Birth control supplies
- Colposcopies

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- Treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- Related pharmaceuticals and laboratory tests

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



Questions and Comments

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