



Florida Family Planning Waiver

1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver
Project Number 11-W-00135/4

Amendment Request

Postpartum Extension

Public Notice Document

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Introduction

The State is seeking federal authority to amend Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4) to update the waiver's eligibility language. The Family Planning Waiver operates statewide and provides family planning services to non-pregnant women who meet the eligibility requirements for the waiver.

Prior to submitting the amendment application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the State will conduct a 30-day public notice and comment period. The public notice and comment period is from July 26, 2021 through August 24, 2021, during which the State will host a public meeting to allow all interested stakeholders the opportunity to provide meaningful input on the proposed amendment request. A full description of the public notice process can be found on page six (6).

Purpose, Goals, and Objectives

The primary objective of the Family Planning Waiver is to increase the number of women between the ages of 14 and 55 years receiving family planning services.

Family Planning Waiver goals:

- 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.
- Improve or maintain health outcomes for the target population as a result of access to family planning services and/or family planning-related services.

The State contracts with Florida State University (FSU) to conduct the evaluation of the family planning waiver.

Amendment and Waiver Overview

To enroll in the Family Planning program, women must meet specific eligibility criteria including having recently lost Medicaid State Plan eligibility and are otherwise not eligible for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services. Historically, women would maintain their Medicaid State Plan eligibility for 60-days postpartum and then transition into the Family Planning program. Senate Bill 2518, passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2021 legislative session, amended s. 409.903, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to extend Medicaid postpartum coverage from 60-days to 12-months. To enact this legislation, the State requests to extend the window of eligibility for the Family Planning

Waiver from 60-days postpartum to 12-months postpartum to align with the new provisions of s. 409.903, F.S.

Evaluation Design

Current Evaluation Design

The evaluation design focuses on the goals and primary objective of the Family Planning Waiver. Florida State University uses a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to evaluate the program. The evaluation team tests four hypotheses regarding the waiver's objectives and reviews survey data to identify strategies that have been successful in achieving the waiver goals and objectives.

Florida State University tests the following hypothesis:

1. More eligible women will participate in the Family Planning Waiver program during the extension period than in previous waiver periods.
2. Family Planning Waiver participants will be more likely to increase their inter-birth interval to 24 months than non-participants.
3. Family Planning Waiver participants will be less likely to have unintended pregnancies than non-participants.
4. Florida Medicaid will achieve cost savings through the Family Planning Waiver program by averting unintended pregnancies and births.
5. Health outcomes are maintained or improved as a result of access to family planning services and/or family planning-related services through the Family Planning Waiver.

The State will not be modifying the evaluation design based on this amendment, as the current evaluation design encompasses evaluation measures that will adequately assess the proposed amendment.

Budget Neutrality

The attached tables address the costs and enrollment experienced by this waiver since its inception. In accordance with the waiver's Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), the waiver's budget neutrality status is presented. The State is not requesting any changes to the expenditure authorities previously granted.

Table A provides the historic information regarding waiver enrollment (member months) and expenditures for each of the demonstration years (DY). The waiver expenditures identified in this table are the same costs as reported in the State's CMS-64 and updated through DY22. The same Budget Neutrality Annual Expenditure Limits stipulated in STC 44 Section VIII will continue to apply for this amendment.

Table B is included in order to comply with the requirements stipulated in STC Section VIII Monitoring Budget Neutrality. Table B identifies the actual member months and PMPM costs experienced during the current time period authorized under this STC 44 section (DY21-22). As

defined in STC #44 (Budget Neutrality Annual Expenditure Limits), the PMPMs actually experienced in the waiver are compared to the waiver’s authorized PMPM target limits. The target PMPMs were applied to the actual member months experienced and then compared to the actual total waiver costs as reported in the CMS64. The result demonstrates that the actual waiver costs did not exceed the waiver’s authorized budget limit for each of these years (DY21-22).

Public Notice Process

Public Comment Period

The State is conducting a 30-day public comment period from July 26, 2021 through August 24, 2021 to solicit input on the waiver amendment request.

The State will notify stakeholders of the public comment period using the following methods:

- Publish public notice on July 26, 2021 in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) in compliance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes
- Email individuals and organizations on the interested stakeholders list
- Post a provider alert on the Agency’s Web site

The State will post the dates, times, and locations of its public meeting and a link to this public notice document on the Agency’s website at:

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

This link will also be provided in the FAR notice and email to interested stakeholders.

Consultation with Indian Health Programs

The Agency will send correspondence to the Indian Health Programs located in Florida to solicit input on the waiver amendment request (Appendix I). The State of Florida does not have any Urban Indian Organizations but has two federally recognized tribes: the Seminole Tribe and Miccosukee Tribe.

Public Meetings

The State will conduct a public meeting during the public comment period. Individuals are encouraged to participate via webinar using the link provided: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547>. During the meetings, the Agency will provide a brief overview of the Family Planning Waiver and allow time for public comment.

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| Public Meetings | | |
| Location | Date | Time |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Webinar & In-person:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.</p> | <p>August 9, 2021</p> | <p>11:00am – 12:00pm</p> |
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a workshop/meeting was asked to advise the Agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Rebecca Best at (850) 412-4038 or by email at Rebecca.Best@ahca.myflorida.com.

Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired were able to contact the Agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Submitting Written Comments

Written comments on the waiver extension could be submitted via mail or email with the subject “1115 Family Planning Waiver Amendment Request” during the public comment period.

Mail: Bureau of Medicaid Policy
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, MS #20
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Email: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com

Appendix I

Tribal Notification

The State sent correspondence to the Indian Health Programs located in Florida to solicit input on the waiver amendment request. The State of Florida does not have any Urban Indian Organizations, but has two federally recognized tribes: the Seminole Tribe and Miccosukee Tribe.

Miccosukee Tribe of Florida

CassandraO@miccosukeetribe.com

Dear Ms. Osceola:

This correspondence is being sent to notify the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida that the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) intends to submit an amendment request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4). The Family Planning Waiver operates statewide and provides family planning services to women between the ages of 14 and 55 years who have lost Florida Medicaid eligibility and meet the financial eligibility criteria.

The State is conducting a 30-day public notice and comment period to solicit meaningful input from the public on the waiver amendment request. The 30-day public comment period will be held from July 26, 2021 through August 24, 2021. The State has scheduled a public meeting to solicit meaningful input on the proposed waiver amendment. The meeting will be held:

- Webinar: August 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. To participate, register via the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547>

A full description of the amendment request is located on the Agency for Health Care Administrations website: http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/extension_2017-22.shtml

If you have any questions or would like to hold a call, please contact me prior to August 18, 2021.

Seminole Tribe of Florida

vandhanakiswani@semtribe.com

Dear Dr. Kiswani-Barley:

This correspondence is being sent to notify the Seminole Tribe of Florida that the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) intends to submit an amendment request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4). The Family Planning Waiver operates statewide and provides family planning services to women between the ages of 14 and 55 years who have lost Florida Medicaid eligibility and meet the financial eligibility criteria.

The State is conducting a 30-day public notice and comment period to solicit meaningful input from the public on the waiver amendment request. The 30-day public comment period will be held from July 26, 2021 through August 24, 2021. The State has scheduled a public meeting to solicit meaningful input on the proposed waiver amendment. The meeting will be held:

- Webinar: August 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. To participate, register via the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547>

A full description of the amendment request is located on the Agency for Health Care Administrations website: http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/extension_2017-22.shtml

If you have any questions or would like to hold a call, please contact me prior to August 18, 2021.

Appendix II

Florida Administrative Register Notice

Notice of Meeting/Workshop Hearing

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: August 9, 2021, 11:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACES: Webinar; August 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. To participate, register via the following link

GoToMeeting: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The State of Florida is seeking federal authority to amend Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4) to extend the waiver's eligibility period to 12-months postpartum.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT REQUEST: Extending the waiver's postpartum eligibility period to 12-months postpartum.

A full description of the amendment request and the public notice document will be published on the Agency's website at the following link:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Agency will conduct a 30-day public notice and comment period prior to the submission of the amendment request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Agency will consider all public comments received regarding the proposed amendment request. The 30-day public notice and public comment period is from July 26, 2021 to August 24, 2021. This public notice and public comment period is being held to solicit public input from recipients, providers, all stakeholders, and interested parties on the proposed amendment request for Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver.

To submit comments by postal service or email please adhere to the following instructions. When providing comments regarding the amendment request for the 1115 Family Planning Waiver, please put '1115 Family Planning Waiver Postpartum Amendment' in the subject line.

Mail comments and suggestions to: 1115 Family Planning Waiver Postpartum Amendment, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, MS 8, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. Email your comments and suggestions to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Rebecca Best by email, Rebecca.Best@ahca.myflorida.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Rebecca Best by email, Rebecca.Best@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Appendix III Provider Alert

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is announcing the start of a 30-day public notice and comment period. The State is seeking federal authority to amend Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4). In this amendment, the State of Florida is seeking federal authority to amend Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00135/4) to extend the waiver's eligibility period to 12-months postpartum.

A full description of the proposed amendment request is located on the Agency's website at the following link: http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/index.shtml

The Agency announces public meetings to which all persons are invited. During the meeting, the Agency will provide a description of the amendment and allow time for public comments. The public meeting for the MMA Waiver amendment request will take place:

Webinar

August 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GoToMeeting: : <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4649340309447809547>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the Agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting The Federal Authorities Unit via email at FEDERALAUTHORITIESMAILBOX@ahca.myflorida.com.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TTY) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

In addition to providing comment at the aforementioned public meetings, comments can be submitted via mail or email per the instructions below. The Agency will conduct the 30-day public notice and comment period from July 26, 2021 to August 24, 2021, prior to the submission of the amendment request to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The public notice and public comment period is being held to solicit public input from recipients, providers, and all stakeholders and interested parties. The Agency will consider all public comments received during the public notice and comment period regarding the proposed Family Planning Waiver amendment request.

Comments will be accepted from July 26, 2021 to August 24, 2021.

Mail comments and suggestions to:

1115 Family Planning Waiver Postpartum Amendment Request
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, MS #20
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

E-mail comments and suggestions to: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com with "1115 Family Planning Waiver Postpartum Amendment Request" referenced in the subject line.

Additional information about the SMMC program can be accessed by visiting www.ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC

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