



New Family Planning Program

Starting in the fall of 2014, Medicaid will begin enrolling recipients in a new family planning program. This program will be offered to males and females of child bearing age who are not pregnant, who are not eligible for other Medicaid benefits, and whose income does not exceed 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This program is intended to replace the current family planning waiver program, Take Charge, and will expand on the services currently offered under Take Charge.

These newly enhanced services will be available under the new program **ONLY** and not for those recipients currently enrolled in the existing Take Charge program. Upon implementation, all Take Charge recipients who meet the income requirements for the new family planning program will automatically be enrolled in the new program. The current family planning waiver program, Take Charge, will gradually be phased out ending December 31st, 2014. This gradual transition will allow those women that no longer qualify for the new family planning program to obtain health coverage to be purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace during open-enrollment.

The MEVS/REVS system will be updated to reflect this change upon recipient enrollment. Providers must continue to check the MEVS/REVS system prior to rendering services to confirm recipient benefit coverage. Services may be provided by any Medicaid enrolled provider whose scope of practice includes family planning. No additional provider enrollment process specific to this program will be needed to participate.

Services to be covered under this new program will include:

- 7 office visits per calendar year for family planning services that includes annual family planning visits for both men and women, which may include a comprehensive patient history, physical, laboratory tests, education and contraceptive counseling ;
- physical examinations and laboratory tests as it relates to family planning and birth control;
- follow up and referrals;
- family planning supplies and devices approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration;
- diagnostic procedures, drugs, and follow up visits for the treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases (STD) or sexually transmitted infections (STI), except for HIV/AIDS and hepatitis;
- vaccine to prevent cervical cancer;
- treatment of major complications from certain family planning procedures;
- drugs for the treatment of lower genital tract and genital skin infections/disorders, and urinary tract infections including a follow up visit for treatment/drugs; and
- non-emergency medical transportation to family planning appointments.

Another Web notice and Provider Update will be published to inform providers of the date of this program implementation and recipient enrollment, provider trainings, and other informational resources.