

Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver Five-Year Extension Request

Agency for Health Care Administration

May 16, 2017

Public Meeting



1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid and CHIP programs. The purpose of these demonstrations, which give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs, is to demonstrate and evaluate policy approaches such as:
 - Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Medicaid or CHIP eligible
 - Providing services not typically covered by Medicaid
 - Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs
- Demonstrations must also be "budget neutral" to the federal government, which means that during the course of the project, federal Medicaid expenditures will not be more than federal spending without the waiver.



Public Notice and Comment Period

- Prior to submitting an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a new demonstration project or an extension of a previously approved demonstration project, the State must provide at least a **30-day** public notice and comment period.
- Florida is required to publish a public notice document for at least 30 days prior to submitting the waiver extension request. The public notice document must include a comprehensive description of the program.
- The public notice document is available at the following link for review and comment from **May 1, 2017 though May 30, 2017**.
http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Family_Planning/extension_2017-22.shtml
- Written comments with the subject “1115 Family Planning Waiver Extension” can be e-mailed to FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com or mailed to:

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



Family Planning Waiver Extension Public Meetings

Location	Date	Time
<p>Orlando</p> <p>Agency for Health Care Administration Hurston Building – South Tower 400 W Robinson St, Suite S-309D Orlando, FL 32801</p> <p>Conference Line: 1-888-268-4181 Participant Code: 477 371 96#</p>	<p>May 5, 2017</p>	<p>2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Tallahassee</p> <p>Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3 Conference Room A Tallahassee, FL 32308</p> <p>Conference Line: 1-800-219-3192 Participant Code: 114 686 31#</p>	<p>May 16, 2017</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>



Family Planning Waiver

- The State is seeking federal authority to extend Florida's 1115 Family Planning Waiver for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.
- The Family Planning Waiver operates statewide and provides family planning services to non-pregnant women who meet the eligibility requirements for the waiver.
- The extension requests that the waiver program continue in its current form for five more years.



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.



Eligibility

Women must meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for the Family Planning Waiver:

- Lost Florida Medicaid eligibility.
- Between the ages of 14 and 55 years.
- Family income at, or below, 191% of the federal poverty level.
- Not otherwise eligible for Florida Medicaid, children's health insurance program, or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services.

Eligibility for the Family Planning Waiver is limited to two years and is subject to an annual eligibility redetermination.



Covered Services

Women enrolled in the Family Planning Waiver access services through Florida Medicaid's fee-for-service delivery system.

Services provided under the Family Planning Waiver include, but are not limited to:

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



Evaluation

The State contracts with Florida State University to conduct the evaluation for the Family Planning Waiver.

Florida State University tests the following hypothesis:

- More eligible women will participate in the Family Planning Waiver program during the extension period than in previous waiver periods.
- Family Planning Waiver participants will be more likely to increase their inter-birth interval to 24 months than non-participants.
- Family Planning Waiver participants will be less likely to have unintended pregnancies than non-participants.
- Florida Medicaid will achieve cost savings through the Family Planning Waiver program by averting unintended pregnancies and births.



Family Planning Waiver Evaluation Findings

- Provided services to over 42,000 women between 2011 and 2014
- Resulted in an estimated \$23 million savings for Florida's Medicaid program
- In Demonstration Year 16 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014), the Family Planning Waiver increased the amount of women re-enrolling in the waiver for a second year by 65%.



Begin Public Comment Period

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Comments on the extension request must be submitted to the Agency by May 30, 2017.

