Implementing Family Planning Benefit Program Policy Changes in the Family Planning Setting (Part 1)

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Webinar Objectives

• Review the estimated timeline for communicating and implementing Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP) changes
• Understand the policy changes to FPBP brought about by the State Plan Amendment (SPA) and Medicaid Redesign Team Proposal 4648
• Review the differences between FPBP and the Family Planning Extension Program (FPEP)
• Review the process for administering transportation benefits and how retroactive coverage will work
• Obtain answers to questions about changes to FPBP and FPEP
Background:
Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)

- Provides family planning services with no out-of-pocket costs to eligible women, men, and teens
- Originally implemented in New York State in 2002 as a federal 1115 waiver through the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)
Background:
State Plan Amendment (SPA)

- The Affordable Care Act allows expanded eligibility for family planning
- States have the option to deliver family planning services through the State Medicaid Plan
- Family planning services through the state plan will be a permanent change to Medicaid and will not require subsequent renewals by the federal government
Background:
Medicaid Redesign Team Proposal 4648

• Additional changes to FPBP and FPEP were recommended as part of the New York State Medicaid Redesign Proposal 4648
• Changes are intended to streamline activities, expand access, and increase program enrollment
• Implementation of changes is scheduled for November 1, 2012
NYS Assumption of Medicaid

- NYS will be assuming the administration of FPBP from local departments of social services
- Initial Phase: The State-designated agency will process applications submitted by providers on behalf of applicants, and will continue and expand renewals processed by the enrollment center for specific counties
- Later Phases: The State plans to assume responsibility for under-care and applications submitted by individuals in later phases
NYS Assumption of Medicaid: Memorandum of Understanding

• Providers currently sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with each county to accept their residents’ FPBP applications

• Sometimes, this results in situations where a provider cannot accept applications for individuals who want to apply for the program because those clients legally resides in another county
  – Example: Students who are from one county, but go to college in another
NYS Assumption of Medicaid: New Memorandum of Understanding

• MOUs now will be signed with New York State, not individual counties or New York City
  – Providers will be able to help all individuals who reside in New York State apply regardless of the county they reside in
• The goal is to increase access to and enrollment in FPBP
Changes to FPBP: Transportation Benefit

• Transportation services will be added to the FPBP benefit package
  – This benefit will operate the same for FPBP as it does for other Medicaid programs
• A listing of New York State Medicaid transportation providers is available at:
  [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Transportation/PDFS/Transportation_PA_Guidelines_Contact_List.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Transportation/PDFS/Transportation_PA_Guidelines_Contact_List.pdf)
Changes to FPBP: No Age Limit

- The current age range (ages 10-64 years) will be eliminated, meaning that any individual, female or male, of any age may apply for FPBP if they meet the other eligibility criteria.
- Individual must be able to father or bear children.
  - However, proof of fertility status should not be requested and is not required.
FPBP Eligibility Criteria

1. Residency
   - Must be a New York State Resident

2. Citizenship
   - Must be a U.S. Citizen, National, Native American, or immigrant with satisfactory immigration status

3. Income
   - Must have an income at or under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

4. Insurance
   - Must not be in receipt of Medicaid or Family Health Plus
   - May have private health insurance or Child Health Plus (CHP) and request a good cause waiver if confidential services are needed
Changes to FPBP: Retroactive Coverage for FPBP

- Retroactive FPBP coverage for up to 3 months before the screening/application date will be available through the State Plan Amendment.
- Retroactive coverage is not available to individuals who are in the presumptive eligibility period and are not yet enrolled in FPBP.
- The individual must submit a signed, dated, and completed application for ongoing coverage to be considered for retroactive FPBP coverage.
Changes to FPBP: Presumptive Eligibility

- Providers will be able to screen individuals to determine presumptive eligibility for FPBP
- Individuals screened as eligible will receive immediate, temporary coverage for FPBP family planning services
- The presumptive eligibility process will be covered in greater detail in Webinar 2
Changes to FPBP and FPEP: Enrollment of Post-partum Women

- Women who were pregnant and on Medicaid are guaranteed 24 months of post-partum coverage for family planning services.
- This affects women who were pregnant and on Medicaid when their pregnancies ended – regardless of how it ended – but are not eligible for Medicaid or Family Health Plus at the 60-day post-partum renewal point.
New York State Family Planning Extension Program (FPEP)

- FPEP provides 24 months of family planning services to women who had Medicaid coverage when their pregnancies ended – regardless of how it ended – and are not eligible for Medicaid, Family Health Plus, or FPBP at their 60-day renewal date.
New York State Family Planning Extension Program (FPEP)

- FPEP is different from FPBP in that it:
  - Is available for post-partum women only
  - Does not consider immigration and income status
  - Does not need to be renewed and provides continuous post-partum coverage for a maximum period of coverage of 24 months
  - Does not include transportation (but covers all other FPBP services)
  - Is financed 100% by New York State
  - Is currently administered in a manual process
Changes to FPEP: FPEP Enrollment Process

• The same Medicaid card the post-partum woman had during her pregnancy will remain active for the 24 months of post-partum coverage (for those enrolled in both FPEP and FPBP)
• A woman may access covered services through all Medicaid-enrolled providers with her existing Medicaid card, which will be activated for FPEP services
• This will allow greater access to a range of family planning providers and pharmacy services
Chart 1: Post-Partum Family Planning Services

**Initial Renewal** notice sent within approximately 60 days post-partum

- **Woman is not eligible for Medicaid or Family Health Plus**
  - Initial renewal is returned. Woman is a U.S. citizen or immigrant with satisfactory immigration status
  - Income at or under 200% FPL and sends all documents
    - Woman is enrolled in Family Planning Benefit Program for the first 12 months of 24 months
  - Income over 200% of the FPL
- Initial renewal is not returned
  - Doesn’t send in all documentation
    - Woman is enrolled in Family Planning Extension Program for 24 continuous months
  - Woman is enrolled in Family Planning Benefit Program for the first 12 months of 24 months
Chart 2: Post-Partum Family Planning Services

Initial Renewal notice sent within approximately 60 days post-partum

Woman is not eligible for Medicaid or Family Health Plus

Initial renewal is returned. Woman is NOT a U.S. Citizen or immigrant with satisfactory immigration status

Woman is enrolled in the Family Planning Extension Program for 24 continuous months
Chart 3: Post-Partum Family Planning Services

Initial Renewal notice is sent to establish eligibility for Year 2 of coverage

Woman who received one year of post-partum coverage through FPBP is sent a FPBP renewal

FPBP renewal is returned

Income at or under 200% FPL and sends all documents

Woman is enrolled in Family Planning Benefit Program for second 12 months of 24 months

Income over 200% of the FPL

Woman is enrolled in Family Planning Extension Program for the second 12 months

Doesn’t send in all documentation

Initial renewal is not returned
Summary

• Substantial changes are taking place to FPBP and FPEP
• Changes are intended to increase access and enrollment, ultimately working toward the program goal of reducing unintended pregnancies
Question and Answer Period

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Resources

• The New York State Department of Health will continue to provide information about changes to FPBP and FPEP as we proceed into the upcoming Webinars on:
  – Wednesday, July 25
  – Wednesday, August 1
  – Wednesday, August 15

• Webinars will be available online on CAI’s website within 14 days of broadcast for viewing by staff who may not have been able to attend this session