



Minnesota's Family Planning Project §1115 Waiver

On July 20, 2004, the federal Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Minnesota's request to implement a federally matched Family Planning Demonstration Project.

Project Objectives

- To demonstrate positive public health outcomes and cost savings from an accessible, preventive approach to family planning services for a segment of the population that currently does not access family planning services.
- To reduce State and Federal maternity care expenditures by reducing the number of births resulting from unintended pregnancies.

Services Covered

- Enrollees in the Family Planning Demonstration Project will be eligible for most services defined as family planning services that are currently covered by Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Target Population

- Minnesotans between the ages of 15 and 50 who are not enrolled in or are exiting other Minnesota Health Care Programs who are U.S. citizens, or noncitizens qualified to participate in federally funded programs, and whose incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline, i.e., \$24,984 for a two-person household in 2004.
- Anticipate serving approximately 54,000 enrollees when fully operational.

Implementation

- Implementation is scheduled for January 2006.
- Waiver is approved for a five-year period from the date of implementation.
- Project administration will require systems changes, public education and outreach, and project evaluation.

Cost Savings

- Federal Medicaid funding for family planning services under the demonstration is available at a 90% matching rate.
- Federal budget neutrality requirements will compare the cost of family planning services provided to those in the demonstration group to the Medical Assistance costs avoided through reducing of unintended demonstration-population births.

Background

- The 2001 Minnesota Legislature enacted legislation authorizing the Department of Human Services to seek federal authority to implement the Family Planning Demonstration Project.
- Minnesota joins a handful of states approved for expanding Medicaid eligibility for family planning services.

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