Florida’s Medicaid
1115 Family Planning Waiver
Post Award Forum

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1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers

- Section 1115 of the Social Security Act gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services authority to approve experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects.
- These demonstrations give states additional flexibility to design and improve their programs.
- States can demonstrate and evaluate policy approaches such as:
  - Expanding eligibility to individuals who are not otherwise Florida Medicaid or CHIP eligible.
  - Providing services not typically covered by Florida Medicaid.
  - Using innovative service delivery systems that improve care, increase efficiency, and reduce costs.
Current Waiver Program

- Provides family planning and family planning-related services, in all 67 counties, to women ages 14 through 55 years, losing their Florida Medicaid coverage, who:
  - Have family income at or below 191% of the federal poverty level (FPL); and
  - Are not otherwise eligible for Florida Medicaid, State CHIP, or health insurance coverage that provides family planning services.

*Eligibility is limited to two years after losing Florida Medicaid coverage, subject to an annual redetermination.*
Waiver History

• Initially approved in 1998

• Current Waiver Period – January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017

  – The State submitted a five-year extension request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on June 30, 2017 for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.
Covered Services

• Physical exams
• Family planning counseling
• Pregnancy tests
• Birth control supplies
• Colposcopies
• Treatment for sexually transmitted infections
• Related pharmaceuticals and laboratory tests
Enrollment Process

• Woman losing Florida Medicaid eligibility 60-days postpartum are auto-enrolled onto the Family Planning Waiver for the first year and must re-apply for the second year.

• Woman who have lost Florida Medicaid coverage who were not covered under SOBRA can apply for the Family Planning Waiver but are not auto-enrolled.
Recipient Application

May be accessed from the Department of Health Web site at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/famplan/waiver.html.
Objectives

• 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.
Evaluation

- The Family Planning Waiver includes an evaluation that looks at the four objectives of the Waiver and if they are being met.

- The Agency contracts with the University of Florida’s Family Data Center to complete the evaluation.

- The evaluation covers the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (demonstration year 17).
Objective #1

Increase access to family planning services:

• The Family Planning Waiver increased the number of new enrollee participants by 118% in DY17.

• The Family Planning Waiver increased the number of new enrollees by over 6,000 in DY 17.

• Two new contraceptive products were added to Family Planning Waiver services as options for Florida Medicaid recipients.
  – Skyla and Liletta - Intrauterine devices which work by releasing a steady, low level of the hormone levonorgestrel into the uterus.
Objective #2

Increase child spacing intervals through effective contraceptive use:

• Based on the 2014/15 (demonstration year 17) evaluation, the Family Planning Waiver increased the average birth interval for family planning waiver enrollee participants from 17 months to 18.5 months.

• Recent data indicates 283,296 contraceptive methods were dispensed to women on the Family Planning Waiver between July 2016 and June 2017 (demonstration year 19).
Objective #3

Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Florida:

- The Family Planning Waiver decreased the number of unintended pregnancies by 1,735.
Objective #4

Reduce Florida Medicaid costs by reducing the number of unintended pregnancies by women who otherwise would be eligible for Florida Medicaid pregnancy-related services.

• The cost savings to Florida Medicaid for averted births equaled $25.3 million dollars in DY17.
Thank you!