

LOUISIANA FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION FACT SHEET

State: Louisiana

Name of Proposed Program: "Take Charge"

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ELIGIBILITY

The Louisiana Family Planning Demonstration extends Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to uninsured women, ages 19 through 44, with family income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, SCHIP, Medicare, or any other creditable health insurance coverage.

Amendments

- On June 29, 2007, Louisiana submitted an amendment to provide additional services and medications to the benefit package.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

- The demonstration provides for a comprehensive set of family planning services and provides access to primary care services.
- Family planning services include medically necessary services and supplies related to birth control, pregnancy prevention, and preventive services. Demonstration services include contraceptive management with a variety of methods, patient education, and referral as needed to primary care providers.
- Specific family planning services include:
 - Contraceptive education and counseling;
 - Contraceptives (includes FDA approved over-the-counter drugs, injectables, and implants);
 - Voluntary sterilization; and,
 - Office visits, examination, and medical treatment in conjunction with a family planning encounter.

COST SHARING

There is no cost sharing (premiums or copayments) for enrollees covered under the family planning demonstration.

PRIMARY CARE REFERRAL SYSTEM

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is coordinating with the Louisiana State University public hospital system to act as a referral source for primary care services. The Louisiana State University public hospital system consists of ten hospitals and over 350 affiliated outpatient clinics statewide, and provides quality medical care to residents regardless of income or insurance coverage.

The State will also coordinate with the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the non-profit organization that represents Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), to serve as a primary care referral source to women. The Louisiana Primary Care Association has 42 FQHC sites that serve urban and rural residents.

EVALUATION

The State will evaluate the following hypotheses:

- Decrease the pregnancy rate in the Louisiana Medicaid eligible population, women ages 19 through 44, at or below 200 percent of the FPL.
- Increase access to and quality of family planning services for women ages 19 through 44, at or below 200 percent of the FPL.
- Decrease Medicaid expenditures for prenatal, pregnancy and delivery related services for women ages 19 through 44, at or below 200 percent of the FPL.

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT AND COST OF DEMONSTRATION:

- The demonstration is expected to serve approximately 226,240 women over the 5-year demonstration period.
- It is projected that \$29,640,818 in Federal costs will be saved over the 5-year demonstration period.

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