



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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DIRECTOR

June 2010

Dear Interested Party:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit the Waiver Extension for Plan First! Family Planning Waiver Section 1115(a) Demonstration Application

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a Section 1115(a) waiver extension application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The current waiver is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2011. If approved, this waiver will allow the State to continue to cover family planning services for women of childbearing years, (ages 19 through 44), with incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level for an additional three years. Coverage will continue to be provided on a fee-for-service basis. The attached document outlines the key aspects of the waiver request.

If you would like to review the content of the waiver document, please contact my staff and arrangements will be made to provide you with an electronic copy. You may submit comments regarding this waiver application to msapolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss the waiver application, please contact Jacqueline Coleman, at (517) 241-7172 or via e-mail at colemanj@michigan.gov

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver application request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Fitton".

Stephen Fitton, Director
Medical Services Administration

cc: Julie Sharp, CMS Regional Office
Leslie Campbell, CMS Region V
Jacqueline Coleman, MDCH



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Proposed Section 1115 Demonstration for Plan First!

Some of the key aspects of the current Plan First! that will continue upon approval of the waiver are:

Plan First! is a free family planning program for Michigan women between the ages of 19 and 44 who wish to voluntarily delay or prevent pregnancy.

Plan First! covers the following services:

- Office visits for family planning
- Prescriptions for birth control
- Contraceptives (birth control) supplies and devices
- Laboratory tests
- Initial treatment of sexually transmitted infections
- Some sterilizations for women 21 years of age and older

Family planning visits will also include screening services that help find serious health problems, such as low blood iron, high blood pressure, and infections. Coverage for abortions and infertility are not covered under this program.

Services are covered under a fee-for-service benefit.