

Public Notice
August 5, 2020

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 42, Section 431.408, Code of Federal Regulations, the Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS), MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is providing public notice of its intent to submit to The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), an 1115 Demonstration application for the Extended Women's Health Waiver program.

Please see the complete application and applicable attachments on the MO HealthNet website under Alerts and Public Notices at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/>.

Missouri has no Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Indian Health programs, or urban Indian health organizations.

Description of the Women's Health Waiver:

The Extended Women's Health Services Waiver will provide funding for women's health care services to MO HealthNet participants covered by an approved Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) 1115 waiver.

Women's health services are defined as:

- Department of Health and Human Services approved methods of contraception;
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams;
- Family planning counseling/education on various methods of birth control; and
- Drugs, supplies or devices related to the women's health services described above when they are prescribed by a physician or advanced practice nurse (subject to the national drug rebate program requirements).

Missouri's Goals and Objectives in the waiver program are:

- Provide access to contraceptive supplies and information on reproductive healthcare and women's health services to the demonstration population;
- Reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Missouri;
- Reduce Medicaid expenditures by preventing unintended births; and
- Assist women in preventing sexually transmitted infections.

Eligibility/Beneficiaries:

Uninsured women losing their MO HealthNet eligibility 60 days after the birth of their child are eligible for women's health services for one year (12 months). Also

covered are uninsured women who are 18 to 55 years of age, have a net family income at or below 201% of the federal poverty level and have no access to health insurance covering family planning services. These women are not limited to one year of coverage and remain eligible for the program as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements and require family planning services. There are no premiums, co-payments or deductibles required of individuals who are impacted by this demonstration.

Enrollment Projections:

MO HealthNet projects approximately 66,000 individuals and 527,000 total member months will be utilized during the first year through the waiver based on previous utilization and member months.

Expenditure Projections:

MO HealthNet projects expenditures of \$5,264,018 in the first year of the demonstration, \$4,954,481 in the second year, and \$4,664,577 in the third year. Approval of the waiver will result in expenditures receiving a 90% match from the federal government.

Hypothesis and Evaluation Parameters:

- Hypothesis 1: The program will result in a reduction in the number of unintended pregnancies among the demonstration population.
Measure: The share of women in the program for whom unintended pregnancy has been averted during the program year.
- Hypothesis 2: The program will reduce MO HealthNet expenditures for unintended births.
Measure: The program year MO HealthNet savings from averted births for Program enrollees.
- Hypothesis 3: The program will provide information on reproductive health and women's health services to the demonstration population.
Measure: The share of women in the program who have accessed family planning services during the program year.
- Hypothesis 4: The program will provide access to contraceptive supplies for the demonstration population.
Measure: The share of women who have accessed contraceptive supplies or services during the program year.
- Hypothesis 5: The program will assist women in preventing STIs.
Measure: The share of women in the program who are tested for STIs during the program year.

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities:

Missouri is requesting waiver of selected Medicaid requirements to enable the operation of the Missouri Women's Health Services Program as a Demonstration that will effectively meet the objectives as well as budget neutrality expectations.

All Medicaid requirements apply, except for the following:

Medicaid Requirement	Expenditure Authority	Waiver Request
Proper and Efficient Administration: Transportation	Section 1902(a)(4) insofar as it incorporates 42 CFR 431.53	To the extent necessary to enable the State to not assure transportation to and from providers for the Demonstration population.
Comparability: Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services	Section 1902(a)(10)(B)	To the extent necessary to allow the State to offer the Demonstration population a benefit package consisting of only family planning services and family planning-related services.
Prospective Payment for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Agencies	Section 1902(a)(15)	To the extent necessary for the State to establish reimbursement levels to these agencies that will compensate them solely for family planning and family planning-related services.
Retroactive Coverage	Section 1902(a)(34)	To the extent necessary to enable the State to not provide medical assistance to the Demonstration population for any time prior to when an application for the Demonstration is made.
Comparability: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)	1902(a)(10)(B) Section 1902(a)(43)(A)	To the extent necessary to enable the State to not furnish or arrange for EPSDT services to the Demonstration population.

Public Hearings

The first public hearing will be held August 12, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CST. The WebEx number is **1-650-479-3207**; Access Code: **133 583 6214**; Meeting Password: **uaKrcNJf348**

The second public hearing will be held August 17, 2020 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CST. The WebEx number **1-650-479-3207**; Access Code: **133 081 9587**; Meeting Password: **H32jyEftDc6**

The state will take verbal comments at the public hearings.

Written Public Comments

MO HealthNet will also accept written public comments until the end of business on **September 3, 2020**.

Written comments may be mailed to:

MO HealthNet Division
PO Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attn: MO HealthNet Director

Written comments may be emailed mailed to:

Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov Please add EWHS waiver in the subject line.