

Public Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 42, Section 431.408, Code of Federal Regulations, public notice is hereby given for the annual review of the MO HealthNet Women's Health Services Waiver, for waiver year January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

The Women's Health Services Waiver provides funding for health care services to MO HealthNet participants covered through a 1115 waiver approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

Pursuant to the current Special Terms and Conditions presented to MO HealthNet from CMS, 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). Legislation passed in 2007 and an approved amendment to the 1115 Women's Health Services Waiver resulted in the expansion of services on January 1, 2009, to uninsured women who are 18 to 55 years of age, have a net family income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level with assets totaling less than \$250,000 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. Women's health services are defined as:

- Department of Health and Human Services approved methods of contraception;
- Sexually transmitted disease 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).

There have been no changes to the Women's Health Services Waiver for the period January 1, 2015 through present and MHD anticipates no changes through December 31, 2015.

The 30 day Public Notice period will be December 1 - 30, 2015.

Public Hearings

A public hearing in which the public is invited to comment on the demonstration is scheduled for:

December 21, 2015
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Conference Room 202
Department of Social Services
MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Court
Jefferson City, MO
Public may call 866-630-9347 or 573-526-5504 for teleconference

The State will take verbal and written comments at the public hearings. The community input provided will be summarized for CMS.

Written comments may also be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attn: MO HealthNet Director