

Public Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 42, Section 431.408, Code of Federal Regulations, public notice is hereby given to the submission of MO HealthNet proposed demonstration extension request of the Women's Health Services Waiver, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

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

Description of the Women's Health Waiver:

The Women's Health Services Waiver provides funding for 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 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).

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 (STIs).

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:

Based on previous member population, the previous enrollee growth trend was 2.5%, which projected a population count of 80,591 quarterly (count of all enrollees during a quarter only) and a projected unduplicated population count of 117,476 annually (count of all enrollees throughout the year) for 2014. However, in 2014 data enrollment numbers decreased. It is hypothesized that this decrease was due to changes in data and application processes and implementation of a new eligibility system. The enrollment numbers increased by 9.8% from 2014 to 2015. It is expected that the growth trend of 2.5% will be seen in annual enrollment.

During waiver year 2015 there were 105,929 participants enrolled in this waiver at a total cost of \$5,839,555.

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

There will be two public hearings in which the public is invited to comment on the demonstration extension. Paper copies of the waiver extension application will be available at each public hearing. The public may also view and print the application on MHD’s website under Alerts and Notifications at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/>. The public hearings are scheduled:

September 29, 2016
 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
 MO HealthNet Division – Conference Room 202
 615 Howerton Court

Jefferson City, MO
Public may call 866-630-9348 for teleconference

October 7, 2016
9:00 – 11:00
State Information Center – Interpretive Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO
Public may call 866-630-9356 for teleconference

Public Comments:

The State will take verbal and written comments at the public hearings. The state will also accept emailed comments at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. The community input provided will be summarized for CMS.

Written comments may also be mailed to:

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Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
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