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SUBJECT: Changes to the Family Planning Waiver Program

CROSS REFERENCE:

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2010

PURPOSE:

This Memo announces the change of Family Planning Waiver (FPW) Program to the Family Planning Only Services (FPOS) state plan benefit.

BACKGROUND:

The Family Planning Waiver (FPW) program began on Jan.1, 2003, as a family planning demonstration project. The waiver has been renewed through 2010. The FPW program covered family planning related services for women and men between the ages of 15 and 44.

Effective November 1, 2010, the family planning only services (FPOS) benefit will be a regular part of the Medicaid program. Several aspects of eligibility determination will change to accommodate the federal requirements, and increase the expected savings to the State.

OLD POLICY:

The FPW program offered limited benefits for family planning services to men and women who:

- Had income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)
- Were at least 15 years of age but under 45 years of age
- Were not enrolled in BC+ without a premium,
- Were not enrolled in another full benefit Medicaid Program and
- Met all non-financial criteria for BadgerCare Plus (BCP) with the exceptions listed in the BCP Handbook, chapter 40.4, #3.

If all eligibility criteria were met, enrollment began on the first of the month of application with no backdating allowed.

FPW Temporary Enrollment (TE) determined through a qualified family planning provider, extended from the date that an individual was determined eligible by the qualified provider through two calendar months following the month of application. An applicant could only enroll in TE once within a 12-month period.

If an applicant was certified for FPW TE and s/he applied for continuous FPW through the Income Maintenance (IM) agency, and the agency was unable to process the application before the TE period ended, the agency manually extended the TE period for one month, during which time the agency completed the eligibility determination.

NEW POLICY:

Effective Nov. 1, 2010 the following policy changes will be in effect:

INCOME:

The income limit for FPOS will be 300% of the FPL. This new income limit will be used for eligibility determinations made on or after November 1, 2010. For ongoing cases, the new limit will be applied at renewal.

AGE LIMITS:

There is no longer an upper age limit for eligibility for FPOS. However, coverage for services will only be available to persons of a child bearing age as determined by the providers.

TEMPORARY ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION PERIOD:

FPOS TE will continue to be manually determined by qualified family planning providers and will be allowed once within a 12-month period. However, starting with TE certifications made on or after November 1, 2010, the FPOS TE certification period will be shortened by one month. TE will begin on the date the applicant and provider signs the TE enrollment form and will end the last day of the following month. There is no change in the policy regarding TE extensions by the certifying agency. If an applicant is certified for FPOS TE and they apply for continuous FPOS through the IM agency, and the agency is unable to process the application before the TE period ends, the IM agency should manually extend the TE period for one month.

BACKDATING:

Persons applying for FPOS will have the option to request backdated benefits, for up to three months prior to the month of application. However, eligibility may not be backdated prior to November 1, 2010. Applicants may request and receive backdated coverage even if they were already covered during the past period through TE enrollment. The three months of backdated benefits are in addition to the 12-months of FPOS eligibility. The review date will be set 12 months from the month of application.

Example: Jane applies for FPOS on January 2, 2011 and requests a three month backdate. She meets the 300% FPL income level and other eligibility requirements. When the IM worker checks interChange s/he sees that Jane has FPOS TE on file (Med Stat PF) from September 5, 2010 through November 30, 2010. Since there is no backdating prior to November 1, 2010, Jane's eligibility can be backdated for Nov. and December of 2010. The 12 month certification for Jane will be from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The iC Med Stat code for November 2010 through December 2010 will be FS. This will run concurrent with the TE Med Stat of PF for the month of November.

CARES:

CARES will be updated to reflect the new income and age criteria on November 6, 2010. An exception report will be produced to identify individuals whose eligibility was denied or terminated incorrectly between November 1 and 6, 2010.

Until CARES can be updated to test FPOS eligibility for backdated months, workers will use the following workaround.

NEW APPLICATIONS

FPOS requests for backdated eligibility received on a new application will require a manual certification for any months prior to the filing date. The FS med stat code should be used for the backdated months.

Note: Until the CARES updates are done to accommodate requests for backdated coverage, applications submitted through ACCESS Apply For Benefits (AFB) for FPOS that include a backdate request will indicate the backdate request by a flag under the 'Special Attention' section on the Application Summary.

ONGOING CASES:

For ongoing cases that are currently open for another benefit program, requests for FPOS backdated eligibility can be determined in CWW by changing the filing date on the FPOS (FPW) request page to the first month of the backdated request. Because FPOS locks certification for 12 months from the application month, the worker will have to change the review date on AGOR to reflect certification 12 months from the application month.

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*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, BC+ Core – BadgerCare Plus Core, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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