

Plan First Program 1115 Waiver Extension Public Forum

Birmingham, Alabama

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Questions and Answers

Question: Will the Plan First Program pay for males to have the physical exam required for the vasectomy?

Answer: An initial visit is a covered service for Plan First males. Two periodic visits are allowed post sterilization procedure. The initial visit is allowed to one provider per lifetime and can only be billed by the provider performing the vasectomy. During the initial visit, the provider completes the pre-surgical process which includes a complete physical exam.

Question: Who will complete the physical exam?

Answer: The provider performing the procedure will need to complete any pre-surgical processes related to the vasectomy which includes the physical exam during the initial visit. The initial visit is also the time to educate the recipient regarding the procedure and obtain consent for the sterilization.

Question: Can a list of Medicaid enrolled Urologist be provided?

Answer: Yes, the Family Planning unit staff will work on posting this list to Medicaid's website under the Family Planning/Plan First Program tab.

Question: Can Plan First enrollment by zip code be obtained so that service utilization can be identified by zip code?

Answer: This will have to be verified with the developer of the Annual Demonstration Report.

Comment: In area 4, Jefferson County, in regards to the group of women ages 44-55, there were no demographics noted in DY-15 Annual

Demonstration Report, did anyone between the ages of 44-55 receive family planning services?

Answer: Yes, but this age utilization is very small. Therefore, it was not captured in the report. However, this data will be provided in future reports.

Question: In the past, providers had problem with getting paid for Tobacco Cessation products covered by the Plan First Program, can you explain why?

Response: Selective Tobacco Cessation products are covered by Medicaid. Prescription are filled by pharmacies. A list of covered products are included in your packet. If providers are having difficulty getting paid for the products or if recipients are having difficulty filling prescriptions, they need to contact the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Question: Is a Sterilization Consent Form required for a vasectomy?

Answer: Yes, a Sterilization Consent Form is required for vasectomy procedures. The consent for a sterilization procedure must be completed according to established program guidelines and must contain the recipient's signature with date. The signature and date must reflect at least 30 days have passed prior to the procedure being performed.