

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Family planning services consist of health services or supplies for the voluntary planning of conception and pregnancy for individuals of childbearing age.

PROVIDERS

Physicians, clinics, public health units, outpatient hospital departments, pharmacies, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, and family planning agencies may provide some or all the available family planning services and family planning supplies. All practitioners must operate within their scope of practice, including appropriate physician or other direction/supervision. Supervising physicians must be enrolled Medicaid providers.

COVERED SERVICES

Medicaid covers family planning services and supplies for members of childbearing age, including minors. Members must be free of coercion or mental pressure, free to choose the method of family planning they will use and must have full knowledge of the service and consent to it freely. The provider may not require that an unmarried minor's parent or guardian consent to family planning services for the minor.

The following family planning services and supplies are covered with an order or prescription from a licensed practitioner:

- Contraceptive counseling;
- Hormonal methods (pills, patches, rings and injectables);
- Emergency contraceptives;
- Long-acting reversible contraception (LARCs) – intrauterine devices, and implants;
- Distribution of information and patient education;
- Consultation, examination and medical treatment;
- Genetic counseling;
- Laboratory examinations and tests; and
- Elective sterilization.

NONCOVERED SERVICES

- Reversal of elective sterilization;
- Hysterectomy for the purpose of sterilization