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January 16, 2009

Re: Insert For MPW Cards

Dear County Director of Social Services:

An insert in English will be included with the February Medicaid for Pregnant Women (MPW) identification cards informing recipients of health care services available to them through the Be Smart Family Planning Waiver (FPW) program. FPW is a Medicaid program designed to decrease unintended pregnancies and improve the well being of children and families in North Carolina by extending Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to eligible women between the ages of 19 and 55 and men ages 19 through 60 whose income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. The FPW program is a form of Medicaid which can provide recipients with vital coverage when their MPW coverage expires and results in cost savings to the Medicaid program as a whole. Since implementation in October 2005, Be Smart has saved the Medicaid program millions of dollars.

The FPW program can provide recipients with the following services:

- Family planning initial and yearly exams;
- Birth control and family planning counseling;
- Some types of birth control methods like the pill, the shot, and IUDs, as well as vasectomies and tubal ligations;
- Family planning lab tests, pregnancy tests and pap smears;
- Limited screening and treatment for some sexually transmitted infections and HIV testing;

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An insert with the above information in Spanish will be included with the March 2009 MPW identification cards. A copy of the inserts are attached. For more information about the FPW program visit the DMA website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/MFPW/MFPWprovider.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding the information on the insert, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Tara R. Larson

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Attachments

(Una versión en español de este aviso se le enviará junto con la tarjeta de Medicaid el próximo mes.)

Are you ready for another child? Do you think you might want more children?

If you answered **no** to either question, **you may qualify to receive birth control methods and health care services for FREE through the Be Smart Family Planning Program.**

What Does Be Smart Provide?

You can receive:

- Family planning initial and yearly exams;
- Birth control and family planning counseling;
- Some types of birth control methods like the pill, the shot, and IUDs, as well as vasectomies and tubal ligations;
- Family planning lab tests, pregnancy tests and pap smears;
- Limited screening and treatment for some sexually transmitted infections and HIV testing;
- Referrals.

For more information about the Be Smart Family Planning Program you can call your county DSS, local health department or the North Carolina Family Resource Line at 1-800-367-2229.

Family Planning Medicaid is a waiver program that will end October 1, 2010 unless otherwise extended

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(An English version of this notice was sent with last month's Medicaid ID card.)

¿Esta listo para tener otro hijo? ¿Cree que todavía quiere tener más hijos?

Si contesto no a cualquiera de estas preguntas, tal vez usted pueda calificar para recibir métodos anticonceptivos y servicios médicos GRATUITAMENTE de **Un Programa de Planificación Familiar**.

¿Qué es lo que ofrece el programa de planificación familiar?

El programa ofrece:

- Examen médico de planificación familiar inicial y examen anual;
- Consultas de seguimiento de planificación familiar;
- Algunos tipos de anticonceptivos como la píldora, inyecciones, el dispositivo intrauterino (DIU), así también como el ligamiento de trompas y la vasectomía;
- Análisis de laboratorio de planificación familiar, pruebas del embarazo y prueba del Papanicolau (cáncer de la matriz).
- Pruebas y tratamiento limitado para algunas enfermedades de transmisión sexual (sólo durante la primera visita de planificación familiar);
- Referencias.

Si quiere más información sobre el Programa de Planificación llame a su Departamento de Servicios Sociales, su Departamento de Salud local o La Línea de Recursos de Salud Familiar de Carolina del Norte a 1-800-367-2229.

El Medicaid de Planificación Familiar es un programa de exclusión que terminará el 1 de octubre de 2010, a menos que sea extendido.

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