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Re: Insert For FPW Card

Dear County Director of Social Services:

An insert in English will be included with the May Family Planning Waiver (FPW) Medicaid identification cards informing recipients that Medicaid will no longer pay for services in a hospital emergency room under the FPW eligibility category. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) informed the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) that the emergency room is not the most cost effective place for services which are rendered through the FPW program. Therefore, the emergency room has been removed as an approved healthcare setting for the FPW program effective May, 1, 2009. FPW recipients will no longer be able to go to the emergency room to obtain family planning services.

An insert with the above information in Spanish will be included with the June 2009 FPW identification cards. A copy of each insert is attached.

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.)

Be Smart Family Planning Waiver recipients:

Effective May 1, 2009, you will no longer be able to receive Medicaid-covered services in a hospital emergency room. **If you go to the emergency room for any healthcare services, the services will not be paid for by Family Planning Waiver Medicaid and you will be responsible to pay the hospital.**

You can still use your Medicaid card to get approved family planning services wherever you usually receive care as long as it is not a hospital emergency room.



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

Para los beneficiarios del Programa de Planificación Familiar:

En efecto 1 de mayo, 2009 usted ya no podrá recibir servicios cubiertos por Medicaid en la sala de emergencias del hospital. **Si usted va a la sala de emergencias para cualquier servicio de salud, los servicios no serán pagados por el Programa de Planificación Familiar y usted será responsable de pagarle al hospital.** Usted puede seguir utilizando su tarjeta de Medicaid para obtener servicios de planificación familiar aprobados siempre y cuando sea en el lugar donde reciben atención medida regular y no en la sala de emergencias del hospital.

