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Re: Family Planning Waiver (FPW) Update

Dear County Director of Social Services:

North Carolina received approval to implement the Family Planning Waiver (FPW) program that provides family planning services only. The implementation date is scheduled for October 1, 2005. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update and general information regarding the waiver due to requests from counties evaluating their staffing and budget needs.

FPW will be a program under Family and Children's Medicaid with its own identity, MAF-D. It is anticipated that enrollment in this program will come from postpartum women after their review, Medicaid for Families & Adult Medicaid reenrollment reviews, as well as new applications. Outreach efforts may generate additional interest and inquiries from the general public.

Eligibility policy for the FPW will be out in August and county training regarding this program will be conducted by the Medicaid Program Representatives during August and September.

The waiver is required to remain budget neutral over the course of the waiver. Therefore, the eligibility policy will include a waiting list process similar to North Carolina Health Choice that can be triggered if needed.

We realize this program will affect county staffing and work loads. County staff will be dealing with applications, reviews, etc. They will include FPW when doing a review for Medicaid eligibility and looking at all potential programs for which a person may qualify.

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Benton
Interim Director

(This was written by Susan Ryan, Policy Consultant, Medicaid Eligibility Unit.)