

NC Family Planning Medicaid

FACT SHEET FOR PROVIDERS



What is Family Planning Medicaid? Family Planning Medicaid, previously called the “Be Smart” program, is designed to improve the reproductive health of individuals in NC by increasing access to reproductive health services. Reproductive health and contraceptive services are provided to eligible individuals of all genders, regardless of age, whose income is at or below 195% of the federal poverty level.

Who can enroll to provide services under Family Planning Medicaid?

- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- Laboratories
- Nurse Practitioners
- Outpatient hospitals
- Rural health clinics
- Birthing centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Local health departments
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Physicians
- Urologists

Medicaid Direct-enrolled providers whose licensure and accreditations allow them to provide family planning services are automatically eligible for and enrolled in the Family Planning Medicaid Program.

For information on enrolling as a North Carolina Medicaid provider, refer to the NC Medicaid website at: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/provider-enrollment>

What services are covered under Family Planning Medicaid?

The following services are covered through Family Planning Medicaid when provided as part of a family planning visit:

- Annual assessment and six inter-periodic office visits (including counseling, patient education, and treatment)
- Family planning-related laboratory procedures (pap tests, pregnancy tests, etc.)
- Nearly all FDA-approved and Medicaid-covered birth control methods, procedures, pharmaceutical supplies, and devices, including emergency contraception
- Screening and education for Hepatitis B/C and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), and referral for preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to people who are at high risk of exposure to HIV; (see also the [Ready, Set, PrEP program](#)). One Comprehensive Metabolic Panel is allowed every six months as part of an annual assessment/ inter-periodic visits for those FP Medicaid beneficiaries on PrEP medications.
- Screening and treatment for most sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- The Gardasil 9 vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Voluntary male and female sterilization (in accordance with federal sterilization guidelines)
- Non-emergency transportation to and from family planning appointments

NOTE: There are no co-payments for beneficiaries for services received through Family Planning Medicaid. Refer to the [1E-7 Family Planning Services Clinical Coverage Policy](#) (located under “Obstetrics & Gynecology”) for more specific criteria on covered services.

When services are not covered under Family Planning Medicaid and the provider does not offer affordable or free care, patients should be referred to their local department of social services (DSS) for a list of primary care “safety net” providers, or contact a local county health department, community health center or a rural health center.

Who can sign up for Family Planning Medicaid?

Eligible individuals whose income is at or below 195% of the federal poverty level and who are:

- U.S. citizens and other qualified immigrants;
- Residents of North Carolina;
- Not incarcerated; and
- Not pregnant

If, at an initial visit, the provider determines that a Family Planning Medicaid beneficiary is sterile or does not have a need for family planning services, the patient will no longer be eligible for coverage beyond the cost of that visit.

How can my patients sign up for Family Planning Medicaid?

Individuals can apply online at ePASS.nc.gov or through their local department of social services (DSS), by dropping off a paper application, speaking on the phone with a DSS agent, or by meeting with an agent in person. The paper application can be retrieved at: https://ncgov.servicenowservices.com/sp_beneficiary?id=bnf_apply.

Whom do I contact if I have questions about Family Planning Medicaid?

For more information about this special Medicaid program, please visit North Carolina's Family Planning Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/programs-and-services/family-planning-and-maternity/family-planning-medicaid-or-be-smart>.