The Minnesota Family Planning Program

The Minnesota Family Planning Program (MFPP) provides coverage of family planning and related health care services for people who are not enrolled in any of the other Minnesota Health Care Programs. The program increases access to family planning services for low-income Minnesotans and helps reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.

In state fiscal year 2010, the program served more than 45,000 people, with a monthly average enrollment of approximately 21,000. Total spending was nearly $12.4 million. Federal Medicaid funding for most services is at a 90 percent matching rate.

Who is eligible

To be eligible for the program, an individual:

- Must be between the ages of 15 and 50.
- Must be a Minnesota resident.
- Must be a U.S citizen or a noncitizen qualified to participate in federally funded programs.
- Must have an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; for example, $1,805 per month for one person.
- Cannot be pregnant.
- Cannot be enrolled in Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare or General Assistance Medical Care.

Services covered

The program covers most family planning services, including:

- Office visits and family planning education
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases found during a family planning visit
- Birth control
- Sterilizations.

Services not covered

Services not covered by the program include:

- Abortion services
- Infertility treatments
- Treatment for HIV/AIDS
- Family planning services provided in an inpatient setting.
Certain providers can authorize initial coverage period

Certified MFPP providers (PDF) may grant immediate short-term coverage to qualified applicants based on an eligibility screening. The Department of Human Services (DHS) determines ongoing eligibility.

Background

In 2001, the Minnesota Legislature directed DHS to establish a project to determine if access to pre-pregnancy family planning services would reduce Medical Assistance and welfare costs. In July 2004, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the five-year demonstration program. The program, administered by DHS, started enrolling clients in June 2006.

Applications and questions

For more information or an application:

- Visit the DHS website at www.dhs.state.mn.us/familyplanning
- Call (651) 431-3480 (Twin Cities metro area) or (888) 702-9968 (outside the Twin Cities metro area); TTY users can call through Minnesota Relay at (800) 627-3529.

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