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## Family Investment Administration INFORMATION MEMO

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**RE: MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FAMILY PLANNING (FP)  
PROGRAM EXPANSION**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICES OF HEALTH SERVICES  
DHMH OFFICE OF OPERATIONS AND  
PHARMACY, OFFICE OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICES**

Beginning **January 1, 2012**, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will expand the current Medical Assistance program known as the Family Planning (FP) Program. The expansion will cover family planning services for additional low-income women who are Maryland residents. Additionally, the expansion will allow women to apply directly for family planning services. DHMH will continue to transition current postpartum women who receive family planning services to the Maryland Medical Assistance Family Planning program.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien, be 51 years old or younger, and meet an income limit of 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The FP program does not count assets. The FP eligibility staff at DHMH will determine eligibility and send the applicant a letter regarding the eligibility decision.

Women eligible for the FP expansion will be reflected as coverage group P10 on the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). The recipient will receive a purple and white Medical Care Program card, which can be used immediately to access prescriptions and covered family planning services. Services for the FP program are covered on a fee-for-service basis; recipients are not assigned to an MCO. The EVS System will include a message to identify FP enrollees.

Recipients in the Maryland Family Planning (FP) Program, who may qualify for the Primary Adult Care (PAC) Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), or Medical Assistance for Families (MA4F), will have to decide if it is best for them to apply for that program and disenroll from FP. A woman cannot be enrolled in Family Planning and another Medical Assistance program at the same time.

The Maryland Medical Assistance Family Planning program benefit package will remain the same under the expansion. FP covers all family planning services, including visits to the doctor or clinic; pelvic exams and pap smears as part of annual visits; screenings for Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV; and advice about birth control methods, prescriptions, and devices for birth control. Abortions and infertility treatments are not covered.

A copy of the FP application is attached for your reference.

Attachment

[Family Planning Application](#)

**INQUIRIES:**

Please direct Medical Assistance policy questions to the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy at 410-767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463).

The following toll-free numbers are available for FP applicants and recipients:  
FP questions about how to obtain, complete, or check the status of an application  
call: 1-800-226-2142  
FP questions about benefits or finding a provider call: 1-800-456-8900

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