

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION CURRENT FAMILY PLANNING 1115 WAIVER (CCARE) TO A STATE PLAN SERVICE.

COMMENTS DUE: December 31, 2014

PROPOSAL: The Oregon Health Authority will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make Oregon's ContraceptiveCare (CCare) program part of Oregon's Medicaid State Plan.

This is considered a technical change between CMS and the State of Oregon; current services under CCare will not change.

BACKGROUND: Implemented in 1998, CCare is a Section 1115 demonstration project/waiver administered by the Oregon Health Division's Reproductive Health Program. CCare has been operating under temporary extensions since November 2012.

Historically, Section 1115 demonstration projects allow states increased program flexibility to test new approaches to financing and delivering Medicaid services. However, CCare does not serve Medicaid recipients; instead, it serves Oregonians **not** enrolled in Medicaid who have incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level for a limited set of contraceptive management services.

Section 2303 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a new Medicaid eligibility group and option for states to begin providing medical assistance for family planning services and supplies to this new group through a SPA.

In general, the provisions and opportunities available with the SPA do not differ greatly from those within a waiver. The SPA, by making CCare a permanent component of Oregon's State Medicaid Plan, permits a number of administrative advantages (*e.g.*, not needing to renew, no need to demonstrate budget neutrality) . Furthermore, the SPA provides an opportunity to slightly expand the set of services covered under CCare to include family planning-*related* services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/1/15

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