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Family Planning Waiver (TAKE CHARGE)

Louisiana Medicaid operates a limited benefits family planning waiver program called TAKE CHARGE. The TAKE CHARGE Waiver targets females between the ages of 19 – 44 who do not meet regular Medicaid criteria but have family incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Recipient Eligibility

TAKE CHARGE Waiver recipients **DO NOT** have regular Medicaid benefits. Only the following limited benefits are available to recipients of the TAKE CHARGE Waiver:

- Yearly physical examinations and necessary re-visits,
- Family planning laboratory tests,
- Family planning prescriptions and supplies (such as birth control pills, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), diaphragms, etc.), and
- Some voluntary sterilization procedures.

A **limit of four** visits per calendar year (including initial visit and re-visits) for physical examinations or necessary re-visits as it relates to family planning and birth control has been established on services rendered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

NOTE: It is important that providers **verify eligibility and coverage limitations** for TAKE CHARGE Waiver services **on the date of service on all Medicaid recipients** through the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System or the Recipient Eligibility Verification System. (See Appendix A for information on how to access these verification systems)

If a recipient becomes eligible for regular Medicaid benefits and enrolls in Medicaid during or after enrolling in the TAKE CHARGE Waiver, the number of annual visits utilized in the TAKE CHARGE Waiver will not be counted against the number of annual Medicaid visits.

Participating Providers

Any of the following enrolled Medicaid provider(s) whose scope of practice permits the delivery of family planning services is eligible to provide covered services through the TAKE CHARGE Waiver:

- Physicians,

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- Rural Health Clinics,
- Hospitals,
- Federally Qualified Health Centers,
- American Indians “638” Clinics,
- Pharmacies,
- Family Planning Clinics,
- Nurse Practitioners, and
- Physician Assistants.

Diagnosis Procedure/Revenue Codes

The primary purpose of the visit must be family planning for the provider to receive reimbursement. Claims for TAKE CHARGE Waiver recipients must have a primary diagnosis code from the approved V25 family planning series. The codes approved for use under this waiver are available in Chapter 21 of the Medicaid Services Manual, Family Planning Waiver (TAKE CHARGE). (See Appendix A for information on how to access this manual chapter)

Pharmaceutical Policy for TAKE CHARGE

The family planning waiver outpatient pharmacy benefits include the following:

- Birth control pills,
- Condoms,
- IUDs, and
- Diaphragms and spermicide as covered in the Medicaid program.

NOTE: Refer to Chapter 21 of the Medicaid Services Manual, Family Planning Waiver (TAKE CHARGE) for specific information related to this program.