
CHAPTER 21: FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER – TAKE CHARGE

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The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) requested a Research and Demonstration Waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to expand eligibility for family planning services. The waiver was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 6, 2006 for implementation on July 1, 2006. The waiver program is named TAKE CHARGE and will be in effect for five years if all CMS conditions of participation are met. DHH may seek to renew the waiver thereafter.

The waiver is designed to decrease the rate of unintended pregnancies for women in the targeted population through access to family planning, and to decrease Medicaid expenditures for unintended pregnancy and related services through provision of family planning services.

The targeted population is women between the ages of 19 and 44 years, who have family incomes below 200% of federal poverty level (FPL).

TAKE CHARGE covers only family planning services and some services have limits. Any enrolled Medicaid provider whose scope of practice includes family planning health services may offer TAKE CHARGE services.

For more information on the Family Planning Waiver-TAKE CHARGE program, visit the Take Charge website (see appendix B).