

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-2607/1	Introduction Number	AB-0313	Estimate Type	Original
Description Family planning services provided through the Medical Assistance program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Family Planning Only Services is a limited Medicaid benefit program that provides routine contraceptive-related services to individuals of childbearing age at or below 300% of the federal poverty level who are otherwise not eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus.

Current law, enacted as part of Wisconsin Act 32 on July 1, 2011, requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to request federal Medicaid law waivers related to family planning services provided under the Medicaid program. These waivers include: 1) Providing optional services for family planning; 2) Requiring parental notification for family planning services for a women under the age of 18; and 3) Requiring DHS to use the income of a parent or guardian as family income when determining the income-eligibility of a women under the age of 18 for family planning services.

AB 313 would require DHS to restore federal Medicaid law waivers that existed prior to the enactment of Wisconsin Act 32 on July 1, 2011. Specifically, the bill restores eligibility for family planning services for women and men age 15 to 44 up to 300% of the federal poverty level. In addition, the bill eliminates the requirement that DHS request Medicaid law waivers relating to parental notification and income-eligibility for women less than 18 years of age.

DHS has not yet implemented the Act 32 family planning waiver because DHS is in a period of transition with respect to upcoming Affordable Care Act implementation in 2014. It is expected that most Family Planning Only recipients will transition to health coverage through the federal marketplace or full benefit Medicaid. The Department cannot accurately estimate at this time the number of individuals who will continue to receive Family Planning Only benefits after January 1, 2014. The 2013-15 Biennial Budget assumes that utilization will decrease from 76,000 to 1,000 as individuals transition into the federal marketplace or Medicaid.

The Department currently operates the Medicaid Family Planning Only benefit as a state plan benefit for both women and men of childbearing age who have a family gross income of no more than 300% of the federal poverty level. Family gross income considers the individual's own income if the individual is under the age of 18 and considers any spousal income if the individual is an adult.

Under federal law, states that offer Family Planning Only benefits as a State Plan benefit must offer it to all recipients, female and male, of "childbearing age." By contrast, AB 313 restricts eligibility to ages 15 to 44. To do so, the state will need to seek a Medicaid waiver.

The Department anticipates no fiscal effect as this bill largely aligns with current practice and because enrollment will decrease significantly beginning in 2014. There is no fiscal impact anticipated for county human service agencies.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications