

Plan First!

New Family Planning Benefit Begins July 1st, 2006

Michigan Medicaid providers recently received a bulletin from the Michigan Department of Community Health about the Plan First! Family Planning Waiver. Plan First! is Michigan's new family planning program. The purpose of this program is to provide access to comprehensive reproductive health care for all Michigan families who otherwise could not afford it. The program's start date is July 1st, 2006. Plan First! will benefit both Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) members and providers. Many WHP Plan B Members will now be able to receive family planning services from their Primary Care Providers and WHP Providers will be able to bill Michigan Medicaid for services rendered. WHP Plan A (also known as ABW) Members are not eligible for Plan First!, but will still be able to receive family planning services at no charge from Title X providers.

Plan First! Covered Services

- Office visits for family planning related services
- Contraceptives including a full range of methods—Oral, Nuvaring, Orthoevra patch long-term, barrier methods, spermicide, natural family planning, education on abstinence, etc..
- Contraceptive supplies, devices and medications
- Laboratory testing and pharmaceuticals
- Sterilizations

NOTE: Abortion and infertility are NOT covered

Who Qualifies?

- Low income Women, Age 19-44
 - U.S. citizens, OR
qualified legal residents
 - Not Covered by Medicaid
 - Not Covered by WHP Plan A
(also known as ABW)
 - Not currently pregnant
 - No family planning coverage
- Note: Qualified WHP Plan B members will be sent a Plan First! application**

IMPORTANT!

WHP Providers can bill Medicaid for family planning services if the WHP Member is enrolled in Plan First!

Plan First! enrollees will be issued a mihealth card and enrollment can be confirmed through Encompass: www.ewcho.org, or see the MI Eligibility Verification System (EVS) on the Providers -Information for Medicaid Providers link at www.michigan.gov/mdch

Have Questions? Need More Information?

See www.michigan.gov/mdch, or contact: Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, PO BOX 30731, Lansing, MI 48909-8231, OR E-MAIL: ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. Phone toll-free: 1-800-292-2550.

The Provider Network Bulletin is designed to give providers useful information about issues that impact Washtenaw Health Plan and its members. Comments or questions should be directed to Barbara Bowman, Provider Network Manager, 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; Phone: (734) 544-6881; Fax: (734) 544-6705; e-mail: bowmanb@ewashtenaw.org.