

Fact Sheet: The Minnesota Family Planning Program

The Minnesota Family Planning Program (MFPP) increases access to family planning services for low-income Minnesotans and helps reduce the number of unintended pregnancies. The program is available to people who are not enrolled in Medical Assistance, which is Minnesota's Medicaid program.

In 2017, the program served more than 20,000 people, with a monthly average enrollment of about 11,000. Total spending for the program was about \$8.6 million. Federal Medicaid funding for most services is at a 90-percent matching rate.

Who is eligible?

People who meet all of the following may be eligible for the program. The requirements include but are not limited to:

- Must be a Minnesota resident
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a noncitizen qualified to receive federal funding
- Must not be institutionalized
- Must have an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (\$2,010 per month for a one-person household, effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019).
- Cannot be pregnant
- Cannot be enrolled in Medical Assistance.

What services are covered?

The program covers most family planning services, including:

- Family planning office visits and education
- Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases found during a family planning visit
- Various birth control methods
- Sterilizations
- Transportation to and from a provider for covered family planning services.

What services are not covered?

Services not covered by the program include but are not limited to:

- Abortion services
- Infertility treatments
- Treatment for HIV/AIDS
- Family planning services provided in an inpatient setting.

Is there immediate short-term coverage available?

Immediate short-term coverage may be granted by certified MFPP providers based on preliminary information provided by applicants. Short-term coverage can only be granted once in a 12-month period. DHS determines ongoing eligibility for the program.

Background

The MFPP began July 1, 2006, as a federal waiver demonstration project approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In 2010, the Affordable Care Act established a new Medicaid eligibility group and the option for states to provide family planning services under the Medicaid State Plan. The 2014 Minnesota Legislature directed DHS to seek federal authority to operate the MFPP under the Minnesota Medicaid State Plan. Effective January 1, 2017, the MFPP became a Medicaid State Plan program.

Applications and questions

For more information or an application:

- Visit the MFPP page on the DHS website at <http://mn.gov/dhs/MN-Family-Planning-Program>.
- Call 651-431-3480 (Twin Cities metro area) or 888-702-9968 (outside the Twin Cities metro area); TTY users can call through their preferred relay service.

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