

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**March 10, 2015**

### **Application to Extend Colorado's Title XXI Section 1115 Demonstration Project**

Effective April 15, 2015, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing intends to submit an application for an extension of Colorado's title XXI section 1115 demonstration project No. 21-W-00014/8. Under this project, Colorado expanded the income eligibility level for uninsured pregnant women from 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 250 percent of the FPL.

On September 27, 2002, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Colorado's "Adult Prenatal Coverage in CHP+" demonstration for a four-year period through September 30, 2006. This approval permitted the State to use title XXI funds to expand coverage to uninsured pregnant women with family incomes from 133 percent to 185 percent of the FPL. Subsequently, on January 24, 2006, CMS approved an amendment to the demonstration, allowing Colorado to expand eligibility for uninsured pregnant women under the demonstration from 185 percent to 200 percent of the FPL. On September 29, 2006, CMS approved Colorado's request to renew the demonstration for a three-year period through September 30, 2009. CMS then approved Colorado's extension request, which extended the program through June 2012. Additionally, on July 30, 2012, Colorado received approval to expand coverage for uninsured pregnant women from 200 to 250 percent of the FPL.

The demonstration has three main objectives:

- Decrease the uninsurance rate for pregnant women
- Increase prenatal and postpartum care for pregnant women enrolled in the demonstration
- Increase the number of healthy babies born to pregnant women enrolled in the demonstration

Under this demonstration project, Colorado submitted a Medicaid State Plan amendment and received approval from CMS to transition pregnant women to 185 percent of the FPL to the Medicaid State Plan and to provide full Medicaid benefits. The State has continued to receive title XXI funds for uninsured pregnant women from 133 percent of the FPL to 185 percent of the FPL. In addition, the State submitted and received approval for a corresponding CHIP State Plan amendment to transition pregnant women from 185 percent of the FPL to 250 percent of the FPL to the CHIP

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State Plan. The State transitioned coverage of pregnant women from this demonstration to the Medicaid and CHIP State Plan, effective January 1, 2013.<sup>1</sup>

Colorado intends to request an extension to the demonstration through September 30, 2019. Specifically, the State will request an extension of the federal authority for Colorado to continue to receive title XXI funds for uninsured pregnant women with income from 142 percent of the FPL to 195 percent of the FPL. Title XIX funds will continue to be used for pregnant women in this income range who are insured. During this timeframe, Colorado will continue to reach out to, enroll and provide prenatal and postpartum care to eligible pregnant women from 142 percent of the FPL to 260 percent of the FPL to achieve the objectives of this program. Cost sharing is not applied to this population for any type of service.

One of the goals of the program is to improve health outcomes for low-income mothers and their babies. To achieve this goal, clients identified as pregnant receive a call to complete a prenatal risk assessment and a Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), which aims to identify community and educational resources that may benefit the clients, such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Prenatal Plus (PN+), Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), and Healthy Start. Members who are identified as high risk are enrolled in the Intensive Case Management program.

Clients also receive educational materials and information related to their current trimester and their baby's development as well as outbound postpartum calls to screen for postpartum depression and address any concerns. The calls seek to ensure enrollment has been set up for the newborn and the mother is seeking postpartum care.

Colorado no longer needs a waiver to provide prenatal and postpartum services due to CMS's approval to increase the income limit for uninsured and insured pregnant women from 142 percent of the FPL to 195 percent of the FPL under the Medicaid State Plan and expand the income eligibility level for uninsured pregnant women through 260 of the FPL under the CHIP State Plan.

The average monthly enrollment of clients enrolled in the prenatal program during state fiscal year (SFY) 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) was 1,955. Of those enrolled, the average monthly enrollment in the CHIP State Plan was 1,611 and in the Medicaid State Plan was 344. During SFY 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), the average monthly enrollment of clients enrolled in the prenatal program was 2,009. Of those enrolled, the average monthly enrollment in the CHIP State Plan was 952 and in the Medicaid State Plan was 1,057.

The specific waiver requested is "CHIP Secondary Payer to Medicaid rules" at Section 2105(c)(6)(B) of the Social Security Act. Colorado will request the same expenditure authority as approved in the current demonstration.

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<sup>1</sup> The FPLs reflected in the first three paragraphs are pre-MAGI-converted levels. The subsequent references to the FPL are post-MAGI-converted levels.



The Department anticipates that the average monthly number of eligible uninsured pregnant women from 142 percent to 195 percent of the FPL will increase slightly each year over the four-year period. The following table shows the projected monthly number of eligible women in the program for each federal fiscal year as well as the annual expenditures for those years that apply to the demonstration.

	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019
Average # of Uninsured Pregnant Women 142%-195% FPL/Month	1,794	1,969	2,155	2,351	2,559
Annual Expenditures for This Population	\$16,252,592	\$17,800,040	\$18,897,883	\$20,031,748	\$21,208,087

See the Historical and Projected Expenditures document that is a part of Colorado's application for further details.

Review [Colorado's Application](#).

Learn more about the [Section 1115 demonstration program](#).

## Public Hearings

There will be two meetings for public comment regarding the application.

March 10, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Colorado Access  
10065 East Harvard Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Denver, CO 80231

March 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
303 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 7B  
Denver, CO 80203  
Call-In Information:  
Denver metro area: 720-279-0026  
Out of Denver metro area: 1-877-820-7831  
Participant Code 118721#

## General Information

A link to this notice will be posted on the [Department's web site](#) starting on March 10, 2015. Written comments are due by April 9, 2015, and may be addressed to: Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Attn: CHP+ 1115 Prenatal Waiver Application, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203, or may be sent to: [email](#).

