

TO: All Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Temporary Assistance Directors, and TOP Coordinators

FROM: Kathryn Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Medicaid Management

SUBJECT: The Family Planning Benefit Program

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Local District Liaison: Upstate (518) 474-8216
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The purpose of this GIS is to inform local Departments of Social Services of a new Medicaid program, the Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP) for family planning services only. New York State applied for a federal waiver for the program, and the waiver was approved on September 27, 2002. FPBP is effective October 1, 2002.

FPBP will allow Medicaid coverage for family planning services for New York State individuals of child bearing age with net income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Persons may apply for this coverage separately, or be evaluated for it through a regular Medicaid eligibility determination.

A draft administrative directive will be provided to districts at the Fall Regional Meeting training sessions on Family Planning in October and November 2002. The ADM contains details on the policy, procedures and systems instructions and will be issued shortly. The FPBP application and instructions will be included with the ADM.

Please provide your local district liaison with the name and phone number of a family planning contact person for your department (FAX#: (518) 474-7067) by October 11, 2002. We also suggest that the designated family planning contact person attend the Fall Regional Meeting since we are inviting family planning provider staff to the regional meetings to meet with the LDSS staff with whom they will be working.

Please direct any questions to your local district liaison.