

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Item for Committee Advise ment**

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SUBJECT: Enhanced health screening services within the Family Planning eligibility category

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of the benefit design for the Family Planning eligibility category should be to produce the best health outcomes for the mother and newborn child. This requires a more comprehensive and proactive assessment of the health status of males and females of childbearing age participating in the program.

BACKGROUND: Currently, beneficiaries in the Family Planning payment category receive access to family planning examinations, counseling services related to pregnancy prevention, contraceptives, laboratory services related to family planning, and sterilizations. The proposed change involves the expansion of the benefit to add a primary care examination, similar to the biennial physical exam currently available for FFS beneficiaries, for Family Planning beneficiaries.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Increased expenditures of approximately \$6.5 million annually.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Regular preventive screening of beneficiaries in this eligibility category will facilitate the early identification of health problems that may have negative impacts on the long-term health of a pregnant woman and her newborn child.

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: Physicians, FQHCs, Free Clinics, DHEC

RECOMMENDATION: Amend State Plan with appropriate language and make necessary system updates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014