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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Medication Purchasing Administration
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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA), a division of the Department of Social and Health Services is writing in accordance with the Health and Human Services policy requiring solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan amendments, waiver requests, and proposals for demonstration projects likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

It is the State's intent to renew the TAKE CHARGE Family Planning Waiver.

Name of Waiver: TAKE CHARGE

Purpose:

Washington State is submitting for renewal of the TAKE CHARGE Family Planning Waiver. This is a demonstration and research program. The purpose of the waiver is to make family planning services available to men and women with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level with a goal of reducing unintended pregnancy.

The objectives of TAKE CHARGE are:

- Decrease the number of unintended pregnancies;
- Increase the use of contraceptive methods;
- Increase the availability of family planning services for low-income men and women; and
- Raise the providers' awareness regarding the importance of client centered education, counseling and risk reduction to increase successful use of contraceptive methods.

Eligibility:

The TAKE CHARGE Program is for both men and women. To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be a resident of Washington State;
- Have income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level;
- Apply voluntarily for family planning services at the office or clinic of a TAKE CHARGE provider; and
- Need family planning services but have no family planning coverage through another MPA program or health insurance plan.

Clients who are pregnant, sterilized, in the military on active duty, or incarcerated are not eligible for TAKE CHARGE.

Covered Services for Women:

- An initial or annual comprehensive family planning preventive medicine visit with some limited STD screening

- Cervical, vaginal and breast cancer screening at the time of the annual exam or as medically necessary
- Office visits directly related to a family planning problem when medically necessary
- FDA approved prescription and non-prescription contraceptives
- Sterilization

Covered Services For Men:

- FDA approved non-prescription contraceptive methods including condoms and spermicides
- Education and counseling for risk reduction for those men whose female partners are at risk for unintended pregnancy
- Vasectomy

Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members

The impact for tribal members that are eligible for Medicaid is negligible.

Contract Health Service dollars are payer of last resort to Medicaid. If a client is certified as eligible for Medicaid by the Department of Social and Health Services and receives services covered by this waiver at a participating clinic, the clinic will bill Medicaid for those services. The Department of Social and Health Services recognizes that Contract Health Service contract funds, distributed to tribes through an Indian Health Service Contract, are a very limited resource. Under federal policy ([42 CFR 36.61](#)) tribes are not allowed to use Contract Health Service dollars to pay for health services, if a client is eligible for third party reimbursement, such as Medicaid.

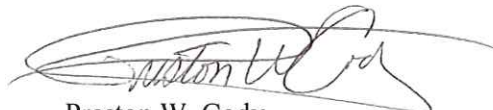
Comments and Questions

The Department of Social and Health Service's Medicaid Purchasing Administration would like to provide the opportunity for tribal representatives to give input, offer consultation or share concerns regarding this waiver renewal. If you would like to provide official written comments or would like more information, please contact Maureen Considine, ARNP, with any questions regarding the TAKE CHARGE Waiver. Please contact Deborah Sosa by June 1, 2011 if you would like to request a formal consultation or submit comments.

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