

Improving the Health of Utah Families

Expanding Family Planning Coverage with Medicaid

Background:

Currently, thousands of adults (many without dependents) are falling through the coverage gap. There are ~212,250 Utah women in need of publicly funded family planning services. Expanding family planning coverage would maximize the federal 90:10 match and support the health of Utah families.

The Solution:

- Family planning services reduce the risk of unplanned pregnancy and improve maternal and child health.
- A Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) allows family planning coverage for individuals that do not qualify for full Medicaid benefits.
- 28 States allow for family planning coverage for individuals that do not qualify for full Medicaid benefits (map on back).
- Existing programs have proven to be **budget neutral and cost saving**³
- Iowa's 7-year family planning evaluation demonstrated net Medicaid savings over **\$96 million**⁵
- Colorado Family Planning Initiative (5-year) resulted in **\$49-\$111 million birth-related cost averted**⁶

Expanding coverage to 8,000* Utahns could prevent:⁴

- 2,000 unintended pregnancies
- 990 unplanned births
- 680 abortions
- 330 miscarriages from unintended pregnancies
- 130 unplanned preterm/low-birth weight

\$10,211,120 maternal & birth costs saved
 +\$327,050 miscarriage and ectopic cost saved
-\$935,500 family planning SPA cost*
\$9,602,670 Net Savings

***estimated coverage & cost <100% FPL proposed with building block**

Families Win

- Increased postsecondary education and employment
- Increased earning
- More enduring marriages⁷

State/Taxpayers Win

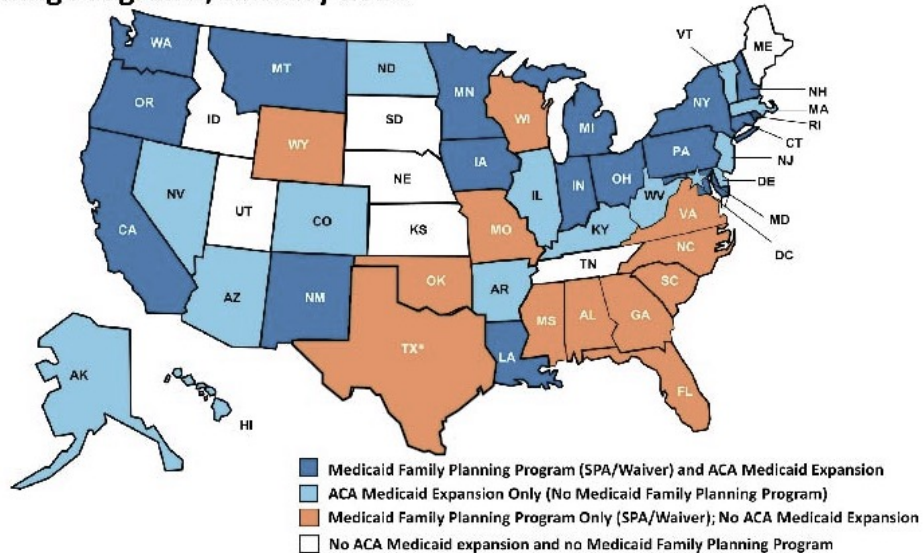
- \$7.09 saved for every public \$1 spent on family planning services⁸
- Utah can expect to save \$822,400 per-year in State General Funds⁹

It's a Win-Win for Utah

Highlights on States with Existing Medicaid Family Planning Programs:

- 27 states have federal approval to extend Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to individuals who would otherwise not be eligible.
 - Texas operates a similar, but entirely state-funded, program that provides family planning services to women at least 18 years of age with incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty line.
- 24 states provide family planning benefits to individuals based on income; most states set the income ceiling at or near 200% of poverty.
- 20 states provide family planning benefits to men and women.
- 21 states include individuals who are younger than 19 years of age
- 12 states operate their programs under a waiver from the federal government; 15 states operate their programs through a State Plan Amendment.¹⁰
- Existing programs have all proven to be **budget neutral and cost saving**³

State Decisions on ACA Medicaid Expansion and Medicaid Family Planning Programs, January 2016



How this aligns with Utah's guiding principles:¹

- 1) individual responsibility
- 2) support private markets
- 3) maximize state flexibility in administering federal programs
- 4) serve the best interests of the Utah taxpayer

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