

# SB74: Family Planning Services Amendments

## COVERAGE GAP

Recent changes in Medicaid will benefit thousands of Utahns; there are still close to **80,000 Utahns in need of contraceptive care.**<sup>1</sup>

Expanding family planning coverage has been demonstrated to help families and save states millions of dollars.

## WHAT DOES SB74 DO?

SB74 directs the state to apply for an automatic, pre-approved federal Medicaid waiver to provide family planning services to women who do not qualify for traditional Medicaid and who have household incomes below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. This is widely considered to be the level at which individuals and families are in need of publicly funded family planning services.

## WHAT SERVICES DOES IT COVER?

This waiver maximizes state flexibility and offers a 90:10 match for all reversible methods of contraception, including birth control pills, rings, and injections and intrauterine devices (IUDs), and implants through any Medicaid provider. This funding would not cover abortions.

## CALCULATIONS OF SAVINGS:

+ \$**12,320,000** maternal & birth-related costs saved  
+ \$**466,260** miscarriage & ectopic pregnancy cost saved  
- \$ 700,000 a year (\$3,500,000 over 5 years) fiscal note\*

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\$**9,286,260** Net Savings\*

\* Calculations based on 10,000 individuals covered in Utah from the fiscal note;  
Calculated by Frost 2019 Methodological Appendix

## SB74 IS ESTIMATED TO PREVENT:

- **2,140** unintended pregnancies
- **730** abortions
- **410** miscarriages following unintended pregnancies
- **740** unplanned births after short (<18 months) interpregnancy intervals
- **380** preterm/low-birth weight<sup>2</sup>

## WHY IS SB74 NECESSARY?

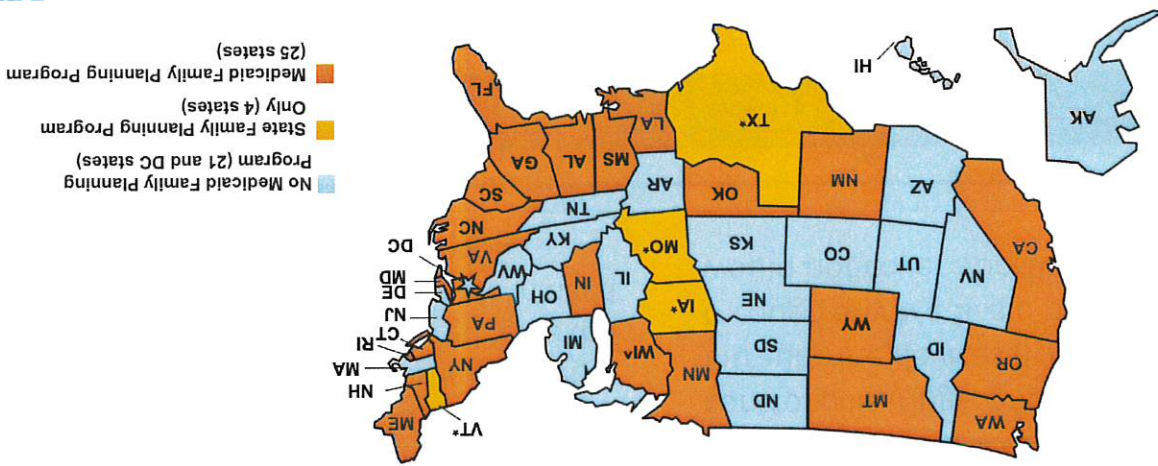
- **Taxpayers save** \$7.09 for every dollar the government spends on family planning<sup>3</sup>
- This is currently even more critical as there are no Title X grantees in the state of Utah and there are **no publicly-funded family planning programs.**
- Savings come from fewer people who would need Medicaid services later
- Family planning services reduce the risk of unplanned pregnancy and **improve maternal and child health.**
- Existing programs have proven to be budget neutral and cost avertng.<sup>4</sup>

## LEGISLATION IN OTHER STATES

- **24** states have implemented plans at or near 200% of FPL
- **26** states have federal approval to extend Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to individuals who would otherwise not be eligible.
- **21** states provide family planning benefits to men and women.
- **17** states operate their programs through a State Plan Amendment (SPA); **9** states operate their programs under a waiver from the federal government.
- **6** states (Connecticut, Iowa, Oregon, New Mexico, Washington, and Wisconsin) have implemented plans at or above 250% of FPL
- Existing programs have **all** proven to be budget neutral and cost saving <sup>4</sup>

## About Half of States Extend Coverage for Family Planning Services to Uninsured Women <sup>5</sup>

Medicaid-Funded Family Planning Programs, August 2019



NOTES: The federal poverty level (FPL) for 2019 is \$21,330 for a family of three. Expansion has been adopted but not implemented in ID, NE, & UT. \*IA, MO, TX, & VT operate an entirely state-funded programs to provide family planning services \*WI did not adopt Medicaid expansion under the ACA, but extends coverage to adults up to 100% FPL. SOURCE: Guttmacher Institute, State Policies in Brief, Medicaid Family Planning Eligibility Expansions, As of May 1, 2019.



## IMPACT ON FAMILIES

- Access to family planning services leads to:
  - Increased postsecondary education & employment
  - Increased earnings
  - More enduring marriages <sup>6</sup>

## UTAH PRINCIPLES

- How SB74 aligns with Utah's guiding principles:
- (1) Supports private markets
  - (2) Maximizes state flexibility in administering federal programs
  - (3) Serve the best interests of the Utah taxpayer

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