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THROUGH: Roy Burt, Bureau Chief, Client Services Bureau

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RE: FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

The Medical Assistance Division has implemented changes to Family Planning policy to allow coverage for men, eliminate specific age restrictions (but must be of child bearing age), and coverage for individuals on family planning that have other health insurance or Medicare, which was not allowed previously.

Effective August 19, 2011, the following process should be used when processing family planning cases in ISD2:

- 1) All applicants should be registered as the Head of Household. In cases that contain a man and woman, each must be registered separately as Head of Household. Other budget group members should all be coded as Financial "F" non-members.
- 2) Clients under the age of 19 should only be evaluated for Family Planning when eligibility for full coverage Medicaid programs, particularly COE 032, has been exhausted. When creating Family Planning eligibility for an individual under the age of 19 the individual should be registered as Head of Household.

Benefits for Men under Family Planning

Coverage for men on Family Planning and related services include:

- Birth control (condoms)
- Sterilization (*vasectomy, including any pain medications or antibiotics with prior authorization from Medical Assistant Division pharmacists*)

- Office visits for the purpose of contraceptive management and family planning counseling
- Screening & treatment for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) (includes associated lab work and *medication with prior authorization from Medical Assistance Division pharmacists*)

Benefits for Women under Family Planning

Coverage for women on Family Planning and related services include:

- Annual reproductive health exam & laboratory tests (Pap smear and screening for STDs; includes associated lab work)
- Pregnancy tests
- Counseling services for Family Planning and Natural Family Planning
- Birth control methods, medications and devices: Birth Control Pills and other contraceptive drugs, Rings, Depo-Provera, Intrauterine Devices (IUD), Foams, Diaphragms
- Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs)
- Sterilization (Tubal Ligations, including any *pain medications or antibiotics with prior authorization from Medical Assistance Division pharmacists*)
- Gardasil-HPV Virus Vaccine
- Breast Exam

If you have any questions regarding this GI or have Medicaid eligibility issues, please contact Lori Peña at (505) 827-1336 or lori.pena@state.nm.us