

Public and Tribal Notice  
Wyoming Department of Health, Medicaid  
Family Planning Waiver, Pregnant by Choice Program

January 23, 2025

Wyoming Medicaid is providing Public and Tribal notice of the Agency's Annual Post Award Public Forum regarding the Section 1115 Medicaid waiver program, Wyoming Pregnant by Choice (PBC) Program to be conducted by the State as required by 42 CFR §431.420(c). The demonstration currently expires on December 31, 2027.

Under the PBC demonstration, the State provides family planning services to certain eligible women. The PBC demonstration aims to reduce the incidence of closely spaced pregnancies and decrease the number of unintended pregnancies, thereby achieving cost savings and reducing health risks to women and children.

There has been one change to benefit administration since the waiver was originally approved in 2009 and renewed again in April 2020:

Instead of PBC eligibility being offered within sixty (60) days postpartum (*after delivery*), the member would be eligible to qualify for the Program within sixty (60) days of coverage ending (*benefits terminating*). Women enrolled in a pregnant woman program will be offered enrollment into the Family Planning Waiver, PBC program (if she hasn't already been enrolled using the ex parte process within that time frame). She must elect coverage during that sixty (60) day window, or else she is no longer eligible.

This change was done as a result of the twelve (12) month postpartum extension. Now, women are able to continue their full Medicaid benefits for a full year after the birth of their baby. After twelve (12) months of postpartum coverage, they would be eligible to elect enrollment into the PBC program and would have sixty (60) days to do so.

There is a pending change to PBC benefit coverage:

Recently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) determined that categorizing sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment services as a family planning service does not conform with the statutory requirement in the Affordable Care Act, as clarified by State Medicaid Director Letters #10-013, #14-003, and #16-008. In this guidance, CMS clarified that family planning related services are those services that are medical diagnosis and treatment services, including for STIs that are provided pursuant to a family planning service in a family planning setting. Family planning services must be for the purpose of preventing or delaying pregnancy.

For Wyoming Medicaid, this means that instead of receiving 90% federal match on PBC STI testing claims, Wyoming will receive 50% federal match on those same claims.

Wyoming has not made a final determination as to whether STI testing will continue to be covered or ultimately removed as a benefit under the PBC program.

This Family Planning Waiver, Pregnant by Choice Program Public Forum is an opportunity for the public to share any concerns and to discuss any Program feedback related to the Pregnant by Choice Program.

The Public Forum teleconference is scheduled for February 24, 2025, 11am-12pm MST. Participants may join the Forum by phone using the following conference line: 1-980-389-0105, PIN: 491-058-411#.

If you are unable to make the Forum, please submit any questions, comments, and concerns in writing to the following email by the end of the day on February 24, 2025:

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