

# MaineHealth

## MaineCare Limited Family Planning Benefit

### ELIGIBILITY

Patients of ANY age or gender qualify if...

- They are Maine residents (Documented immigrants and refugees included);
- They are NOT pregnant (If they are pregnant, they qualify for full MaineCare);
- The individual patient (not family) meets INCOME requirements:
  - 209% of the Federal Poverty Level
  - OR \$479/week, \$2,069/month, \$24,828/year

### COVERED SERVICES

- Annual well-person exams for men and women
- Breast and cervical cancer screenings, including colposcopy
- Birth control of any kind (Pill, IUD, implants, shots, etc.)
- STI testing *and* treatment
- UTI and BV testing *and* treatment
- HPV vaccines
- Patient education and counseling

### SERVICES NOT COVERED

- Hysterectomies
- Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Abortion and abortion-related services
- Flu shots

**The enrollment process should look relatively similar to MaineCare. Submit applications by mail, online, or fax. The new application will be starting November 14, 2016.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- If you meet eligibility requirements, you can fill out an application online or during a qualified health center visit.
- You can also set up a separate appointment to talk about all of your health coverage options with a Health Care Advocate. Counselors are available at the Maine Planned Parenthood locations in Sanford, Biddeford, Portland, and Topsham.

### INCOME VERIFICATION:

- After you apply, MaineCare may contact you to provide proof of income.
- You will have **10 days** to provide MaineCare with proof of income.

- The last four weeks of pay stubs.
- If you DON'T provide proof of income, your application will be denied.
- If you DO provide all of the information requested by MaineCare, you will successfully be enrolled in the Limited Family Planning Benefit.
- You will need to re-enroll every year.

**OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:**

- This benefit MUST be billed as secondary coverage.
- Patients with high deductible plans *should* be able to bill MaineCare for coverage if their insurance doesn't cover services.
  - *We are looking into whether or not it can be billed as primary insurance for instances where confidentiality issues exist.*
- **DO NOT** refer to this program as insurance. We do not want patients to think they have minimum essential coverage through this program. It is a limited benefit. If they are uninsured, they will still face a tax penalty, whether or not they're enrolled in the program.
- Retroactive coverage of up to three months should apply.
  - *If clients want to seek reimbursement for services from prior visits, once they're determined eligible, they can work with MaineCare to submit reimbursement forms.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

***WHY IS THIS PROGRAM EXCITING?***

- This program provides options for uninsured patients to receive free sexual health services.
- Many individuals fall into what we call the "health insurance gap". They don't qualify for MaineCare, and cannot afford or don't qualify for Marketplace tax credits, so they go without insurance. This benefit can provide some limited relief for sexual health services that would normally be covered with insurance.