

Adult Medicaid Quality: Contraceptive Use Measure Grant

- On September 10, 2015 DHCS was awarded a new federal grant that will help California improve outcomes in Medi-Cal. The Office of Family Planning (OFP) will coordinate the administration of the grant. This is a 4-year grant (9/10/15 to 9/9/19).
- The grant is offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- A total of 14 states including California and one US Territory have been awarded this grant. California's project title is: Adult Medicaid Quality: Contraceptive Use Measure. The States are: CA, OR, WA, CO, IA, MO, MS, AL, KY, MI, NY, MA, DE, and MP.
- This grant gives states a unique opportunity to collect and report data to CMS on a new developmental quality measure that assesses contraceptive use in women, while also helping states improve perinatal health outcomes.
- Through this grant, CMS will support states' data collection, measurement, and reporting efforts for this measure.
- These data will also be useful in identifying opportunities to improve health care quality for women of childbearing age enrolled in Medicaid and to drive changes in care practices and delivery.
- The data collected and reported will include services provided through the Medi-Cal delivery systems (fee-for-service and managed care) and the Family PACT program. The data that will be collected is:
 - The percentage of women ages 15–44 that:
 1. Adopted or continued use of the most effective or moderately effective FDA-approved methods of contraception.
 2. Adopted or continued use of a long-acting reversible method of contraception (LARC).
 - The first measure is an intermediate outcome measure.
 - It is desirable to have a high percentage of women who are using the most effective or moderately effective contraceptive methods.
 - The second measure is an access measure, and the focus is on making sure that women have access to LARC methods.
 - Two rates are reported for each measure, one for ages 15–20 and one for ages 21–44.
 - This is a developmental measure, and feedback obtained from state Medicaid programs will lead to refinements and additional guidance for reporting.
- In addition to the annual calculation of the developmental contraceptive use measure, OFP will:
 - compare the estimates of women at risk of pregnancy derived from the National Survey of Family Growth with those from the California Health Information Survey in adjusting the denominator of women at risk (year 2)
 - obtain provider feedback on incorporating the contraceptive use measure (year 3)
 - coordinate the dissemination of the measure with stakeholders (year 4)