

Family Planning & the Single Streamlined Application

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**Medicaid Family Planning and the ACA: MAGI and the Single,
Streamlined Application**
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Overview



- Single Streamlined Application
- Alternative Applications
- Non-MAGI Applications
- Where Are States Today?
- Implications for Family Planning Programs

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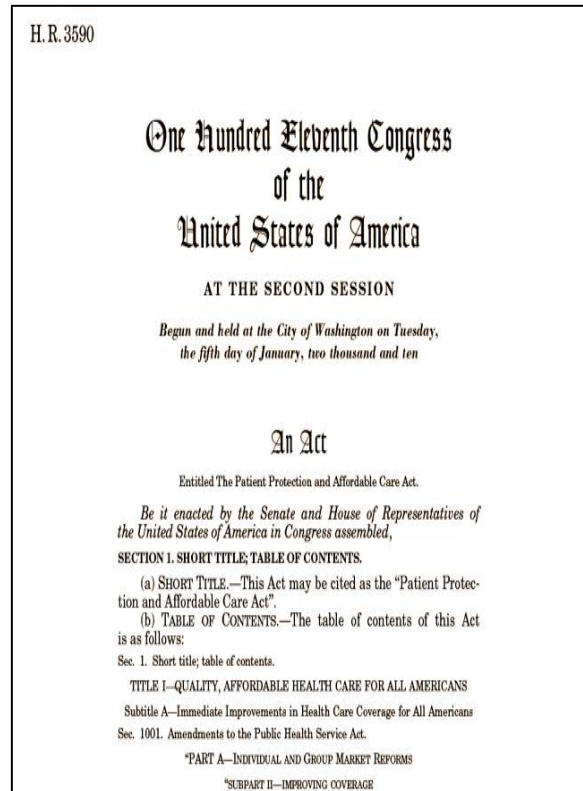


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Single Streamlined Application: Requirements



- ACA requires *all* states to use a single, streamlined application for all insurance affordability programs (IAPs)
 - IAPs = Medicaid, CHIP, Basic Health Program, Subsidized Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage
- “No wrong door” to coverage
- Applicants can submit online, in person, by phone and by mail
- No in-person interviews for MAGI-based Medicaid eligibility groups
- Limits on information requested
- Compliant with civil rights laws
- Written in plain language



Single Streamlined Application: Models



- CMS guidance requires states to use *either* model single, streamlined application or HHS Secretary-approved alternative for *all* IAPs
- CMS has created model online and paper applications
- Alternative application must meet standards and be approved
- For non-MAGI groups: states can use *either* an alternative application or a supplemental form

Single Streamlined Application: Online Application




- Individual account sign up
- Privacy statement
- Contact information
- Financial assistance option
- Additional question topics
- Dynamic questioning
- Verification of income, tax filing household during application
- Review and sign
- Plan enrollment questions (for APTC/QHP eligible applicants)




Alternative Applications



- Must meet 4 general principles:
 1. Only request information needed to determine coverage
 2. Only ask questions needed to determine eligibility for coverage in or administration of IAPs
 3. Information requests must minimize the burden on applicants (e.g., dynamic formatting online)
 4. Rely first on available electronic data sources - only request paper when data unavailable/ inconsistent

- Customizing/minimizing burden  No approval needed

- Adding non-MAGI eligibility questions  Approval needed

Where are States Today?

Applications



- States preparing final applications for October 1 launch
- A few states already approved for alternate applications
- States will continue to submit revisions, alternate applications and forms through 2014 and update as needed, but may be fewer new applications launched in 2014
- Stakeholders interested in your state's application plans should contact the Medicaid or Health Insurance Exchange offices (www.medicaid.gov; www.healthcare.gov)

Implications for Family Planning Programs



- Optional family planning groups are generally MAGI groups
- Most states will use the single streamlined application/approved alternative application to determine eligibility
- Where eligibility is based on other factors or additional data is needed, state may use a supplemental form or program-specific application
- In federally facilitated marketplace (FFM) states, the FFM will *not* determine family planning eligibility, state Medicaid programs need to do family planning determinations.





Key Takeaways

- State applications still in flux for 2014 and future years
- Federal Medicaid assessment/determinations will not include family planning without policy changes
- State and federal policymakers need inputs from stakeholders about applications/process
- Implications for family planning enrollment unknown – good area for research in your state and nationwide



For More Information...



- **Coordinating Human Services Programs with Health Reform Implementation: A Toolkit for State Agencies (CBPP, June 2012)**
Applications: <http://www.cbpp.org/files/6-6-12health-mod2.pdf>
Appendix: <http://www.cbpp.org/files/6-6-12health-mod2app.pdf>
- **Supporting Statement for Data Collection to Support Eligibility Determinations for Insurance Affordability Programs and Enrollment through Affordable Insurance Exchanges, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program Agencies**
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing-Items/CMS-10440.html>
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