TAKE CHARGE
Louisiana Family Planning Waiver Services

Family Planning services are available to many women ages 19-44 through TAKE CHARGE, a Louisiana waiver program.

What is family planning?

Family Planning helps a woman avoid an unintended pregnancy. The spacing of childbirths increases a child’s chances of survival and allows a mother to better plan for her children and herself. Family planning is one important way women can TAKE CHARGE of their lives.

Who can qualify?

Women ages 19-44 who:

★ do not have Medicaid or other insurance that covers family planning;
★ are not pregnant; and
★ have not had a procedure to prevent pregnancy like a hysterectomy.

If you already get Medicaid, you are eligible for family planning services.

How to Apply

➊ Online –

➋ Mail –
TAKE CHARGE
P.O. Box 91278
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9278

➌ Fax – 1-877-523-2987 (toll-free)

➍ Drop Off – Go to your local Medicaid Office. Call 1-888-342-6207 for the closest office or visit our web site at www.TAKECHARGE.DHH.Louisiana.gov.

What services are covered?

★ Four yearly physical examinations and laboratory tests
★ Contraceptive counseling
★ Birth control products that require a prescription, such as birth control pills, patches, injections, IUDs, and diaphragms
★ Sterilization Procedures

Is income counted?

Yes. Your family's gross income for the month has to be less than the amounts in the chart. We give deductions for things like child support, child care payments, and $90 for each employed person.

We do not count things like bank accounts, cash on hand, vehicles or property.

What services are covered?

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Questions

If you need help filling out the application or getting any of the needed proofs, call at 1-888-342-6207. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and use a TTY text telephone, call 1-800-220-5404.

NO enrollment fees, NO premiums, NO co-payments, NO deductibles
Your Rights

If you think the decision we make is unfair, not correct, or made too late, you may ask for a fair hearing by:

- Calling the Family Planning Waiver/TAKE CHARGE Program office at 1-888-342-6207, and/or
- Writing to
  LA DHH Bureau of Appeals
  P.O. Box 4183
  Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4183

TAKE CHARGE is an Equal Opportunity Program.

We can’t treat you differently because of your race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nationality or political belief. If you think we have:

- Call the U.S. DHHS Regional Office for Civil Rights in Dallas, TX at 1-800-368-1019, and/or
- Call the Family Planning/TAKE CHARGE Program office at 1-888-342-6207, TTY users call 1-800-220-5404, and/or
- Write to
  LA Department of Health & Hospitals
  P.O. Box 4818
  Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4