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Moe,

Below are responses to CMS questions regarding the public health initiatives we are adding to the Title XXI state plan.

1. Please provide more information about the public health initiative that provides grants "to conduct outreach to promote family planning among adolescents where the providers support family life education consultation programs for schools and communities as well as community based adolescent pregnancy prevention projects".

Response: The goal of the grants to promote family planning and family life education is to provide increased access to reproductive health care information and services. The grants support activities that are oriented to both adults and adolescents. Grantees track the number of clients who are adolescents; the SCHIP claimable amount would be the portion of the grant amount prorated by the portion of clients who are adolescents.

Outreach educators provide sexuality education and resources to help prevent unintended teen pregnancy and foster responsible sexual decision making by individuals and families. Comprehensive family life education includes education about abstinence and information on preventing sexually transmitted diseases and birth control. Examples of activities oriented to adolescents are: interactive workshops for youth; parent-child puberty programs; facilitating discussions with parents; office hours at teen centers and homeless shelters; one-on-one questions and answer sessions with teens; educational and informational displays at health fairs for teens; guest speaking at community events; promoting activities for teens to raise self-esteem, to develop skills in making healthy choices and developing healthy relationships; promoting education to teens about gender stereotypes, date rape and sexual abuse.

2. Please provide information on the number of children who will be served by the public health initiatives.

School health coordinators initiative = 5000 (estimate)

School capacity building initiative = Not applicable

Adolescent family planning = 7,500 (estimate)

Media campaign = Not applicable

Let me know if you need any additional information.