

A Closer Look at New Jersey's Family Planning Funding

There are two funding streams that make up New Jersey's state family planning funding, and both are important for ensuring that patients are able to have access to the full range of family planning services at the provider of their choice.

State Family Planning Funds

- This state budget line item for family planning services was restored in January 2018 soon after Governor Phil Murphy took office (after Governor Chris Christie had defunded it during his 8 years in office). This line item is currently funded at **\$10.453 million annually**.
- These funds are allocated to support access to family planning and other preventive health services, including lifesaving cancer screenings, birth control, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, breast health services, Pap tests, and other health screenings.
- These funds currently support services at nearly 50 health centers across the state, including Planned Parenthood, FQHCs, independent family planning providers, and county health departments.

Title X Backfill Funds

- This state budget line item was included in the FY2020 budget after the federal government included a "gag rule" in the federal Title X family planning program that forced Planned Parenthood out of the program.
- These emergency funds are intended to maintain patient care at Planned Parenthood - or any other provider in the Title X program - despite being forced out of Title X.
- This line item was funded at **\$9.5 million** for FY2020 - however, only about \$5.8 million is being used because the two Planned Parenthood affiliates in NJ are the only providers to have discontinued their participation in Title X, while other providers have remained in the federal Title X program and are thus not eligible for backfill funding.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does New Jersey also receive Title X funding for family planning?

Yes, New Jersey also receives Title X funding for family planning services. However, not all providers accept Title X funding due to the federal gag rule. The New Jersey Family Planning League is the Title X federal grant recipient in New Jersey.

What about Medicaid funding for family planning?

New Jersey also supports family planning through the Medicaid program, both in the services it provides to all Medicaid-eligible individuals, as well as through a recently enacted Medicaid family planning expansion program, Plan First, that provides family planning services and supplies to people up to 205% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Does New Jersey's state funding for family planning services receive a 9-to-1 match from the federal government?

While New Jersey's investment in the Medicaid family planning expansion program does receive a 9-to-1 federal match, New Jersey's line items for family planning services do not. However, funding family planning services is a cost-effective use of funds. The Guttmacher Institute has estimated that for every \$1 of government funds invested in family planning, \$7.09 in net government savings results in avoided associated costs, such as averted unintended pregnancies and prevented sexually transmitted infections.

Why are all of these different funding streams needed?

Even with different sources of funding, publicly funded family planning providers still aren't able to meet the demand of all the individuals in New Jersey who are in need of services. In 2016, the most recent year for which data is available, 431,170 women in the state were considered to be in need of publicly supported contraceptive services and supplies, while publicly funded family planning providers were only able to provide services to nearly 110,000 people. Different funding streams make it possible for a wider array of family planning providers to see more patients, offer a broader range of services, and stay accessible to their communities.