

**Quick Stats**

Agency	Program/Policy Start Date	Number Served Annually	Annual Budget
Department Health and Mental Hygiene	November 2011	TBD	N/A

<b>Problem Statement</b>	Major barriers to teens' ability to access and utilize sexual and reproductive health services (SRH), include documentation barriers (such as missing social security numbers) and breaches in confidentiality such as when Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) are sent home
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<b>Research and Evidence</b>	<p>Preliminary data suggest that approximately 900,000 of NYC's population ages 10-24 are eligible but are not enrolled in the Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP). FPBP can provide free and confidential services but documentation barriers make it difficult to enroll teens in FPBP.</p> <p>In addition, confidentiality concerns are a key reason for forgone care among teens. Ensuring confidentiality by suppressing EOBs being sent to the teens' home address will eliminate this concern for teens with private insurance or Child Health Plus B (CHPB).</p> <p>Policy changes that address these two barriers will increase teens' access to sexual and reproductive health services. This will result in teens making healthier decisions, including increased use of contraception and condoms by sexually active teens.</p>
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<b>Program Description</b>	<p>FPBP is a Medicaid program that can increase teens' access to SRH care and clinic revenues to help support teen-friendly practices. DOHMH is anticipating approval of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for FPBP which will allow for presumptive eligibility. In addition, the establishment of data linkage between HRA and State DOHMH will remove the social security documentation barrier which poses obstacles for teen enrollment.</p> <p>Explanations of Benefits (EOBs) sent by insurers can compromise the confidentiality of teens' sexual and reproductive health care. DOHMH will draft language and advocate for a change in New York State statute to suppress EOBs being sent to teens homes.</p>
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<b>Implementation Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall 2012 – Anticipate CMS approval of NYSDOH's SPA to allow for presumptive eligibility for FPBP</li> </ul>
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<b>Target Population</b>	NYC population ages 10 - 24
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<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	Completion of HRA demonstration of data linkage to obtain SSN documentation on FPBP application and increased enrollment in FPBP
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