

# HUSKY Health Limited Benefit- Family Planning Coverage

Initial Partnerships & Future Opportunities

# About ICAN!



ICAN guides and resources states to implement Medicaid Family Planning programs to increase access to reproductive care.



We serve as a “**systems orchestrator**” supporting Providers, Patients, Payers, and Policymakers to transform how contraceptive care is delivered, accessed, and paid for with a focus on equity and sustainability.



## Policy analysis and implementation

We identify opportunities to strengthen on-the-books policies and to maximize on-the-ground impact.



## Provider training and technical assistance

We support safety-net providers to deliver and connect patients with person-centered contraceptive care and coverage.

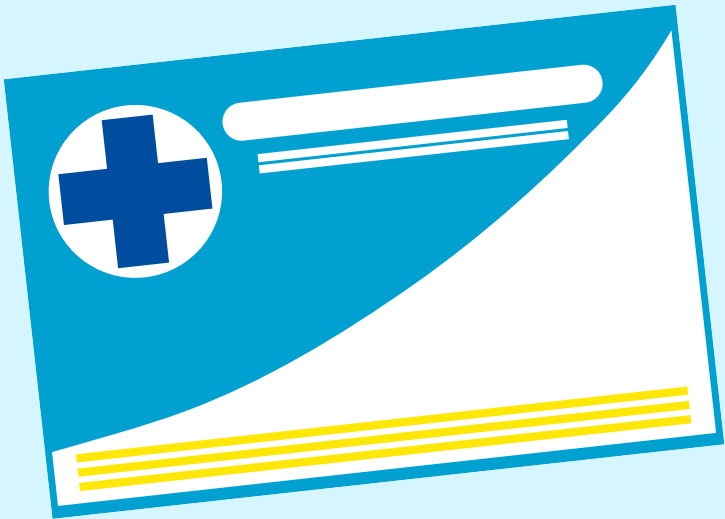


## Patient Engagement

We empower patients to learn about their birth control options, find coverage, deliver feedback to providers, and to access timely and respectful care in their communities.

# Overview of HUSKY Family Planning

# HUSKY Family Planning Coverage



- **Partial Medicaid benefit program** to provide family planning and related services to CT residents\* of any age and gender with household incomes up to 263% FPL.
- Covers primary and preventative care, including all FDA approved birth control, annual check-up, pap test and follow-up, STI testing and treatment, and HPV vaccines.
- This program can be a **default program for individuals who do not qualify for full Medicaid** or have private insurance they do not want to use because of confidentiality or cost concerns.

\* enrollees must be U.S. citizens or have a qualifying immigration status

# Covered Services



- Annual check-up in person or virtual, if routine preventative primary services are related to family planning.
- Pap test.
- All FDA-approved birth control (Pill, patch, ring, depo, IUD, implant, emergency contraceptive pill) and permanent methods like tubal ligation and vasectomy (21+).
- STI testing and treatment, including counseling on HIV prevention.
- Follow up and treatment for abnormal pap smears.
- HPV, Hep B, Flu vaccines.
- Non-emergency medical transportation to doctor visits.

# HUSKY Family Planning & H.R.1

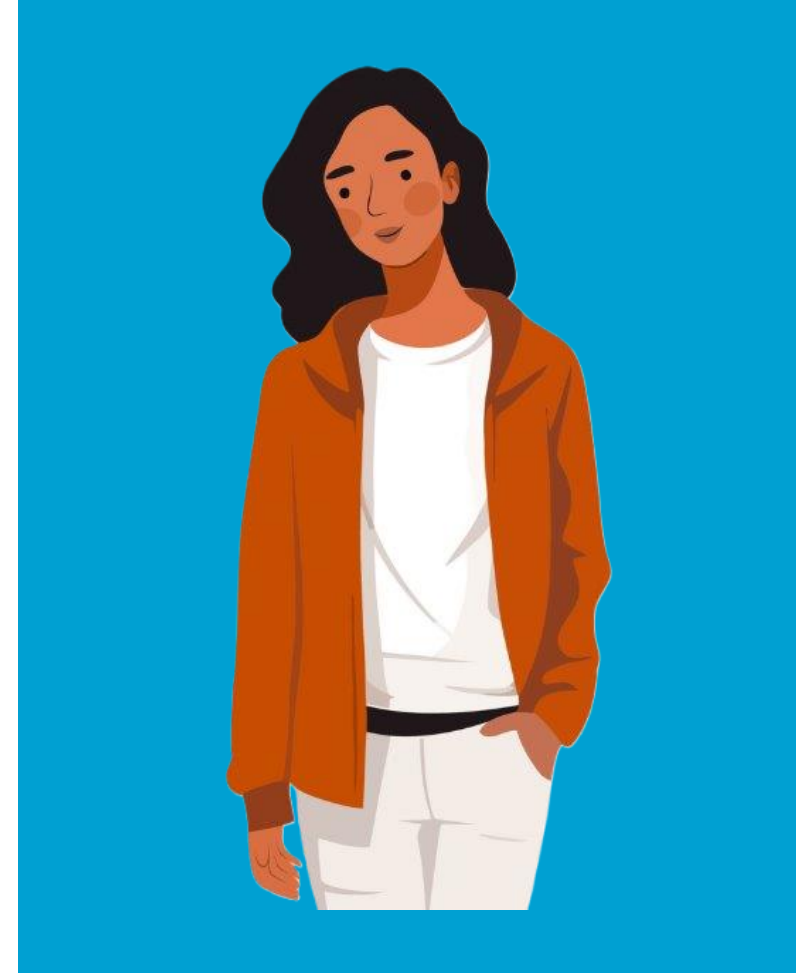
# How does H.R.1/OBBB affect Medicaid Family Planning Programs?

Many of H.R.1's most burdensome restrictions **don't apply** to Family Planning programs.

**Enrollees won't have work requirements or redeterminations every 6 months**

However, immigration & retroactive changes do apply:

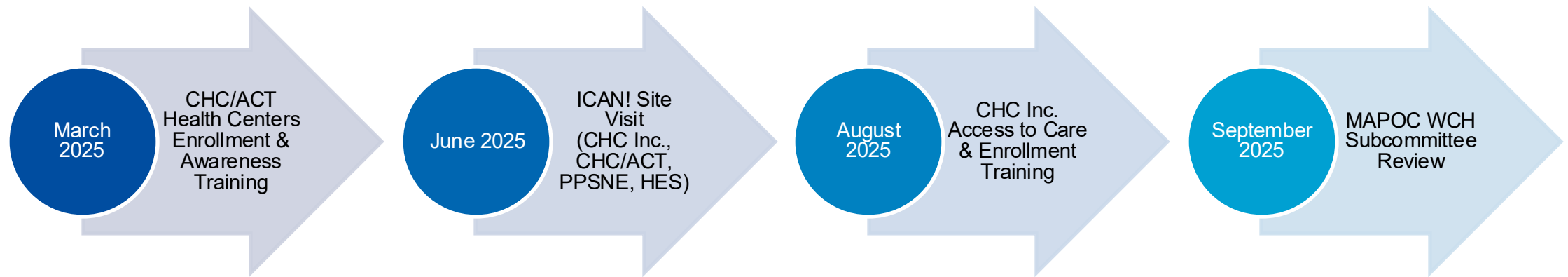
- Starting 10/1/2026 only U.S. citizens, LPRs for 5+ years, Cuban and Haitian immigrants, and COFA Migrants will be eligible
- Starting 1/1/2027 retroactive coverage will be limited to 60 days.



# ICAN! Provider Engagement



# Outreach & Education

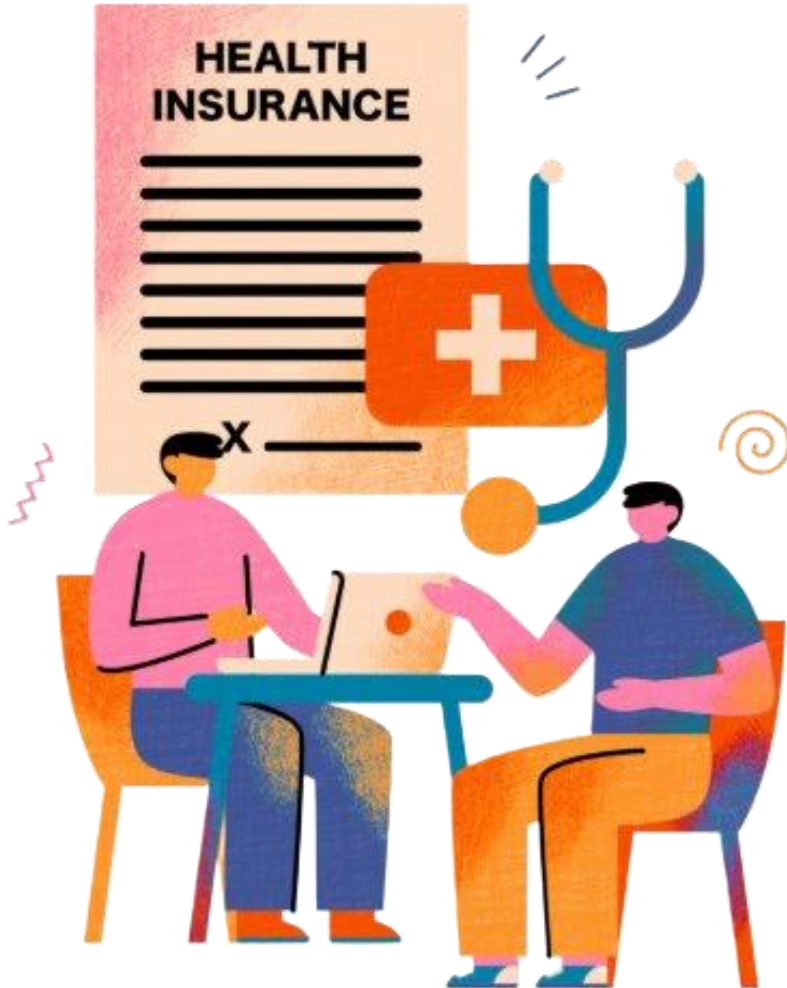


# Opportunities for Continued Education & Outreach



- Continued collaboration and technical assistance to FQHCs, especially with the risk of patients losing full HUSKY or Covered CT coverage.
- Training for existing ConneCT site users (ex. SNAP enrollment staff, local Community Action Agencies, End Hunger CT) to maximize program access with low administrative burden—same application!
- Engagement with trusted community-based organizations to improve family planning coverage messaging that addresses common barriers such as immigration concerns, program awareness, and stigma around reproductive health services (including STI treatment & testing).

# Opportunities for Program Improvements



- Access Health Workaround: Allow for applicants to be manually enrolled in HUSKY Family Planning if do not qualify for full HUSKY Coverage
- Increase data capture to track HUSKY Family Planning enrollees on DSS dashboard
- Modernize diagnosis codes for family planning (last update 2015)
- Set-up autoenrollment for members who lose full HUSKY coverage eligibility for any reason, especially rolling off 12 months postpartum and due to work requirements or semiannual redeterminations

# Increasing Application Accessibility

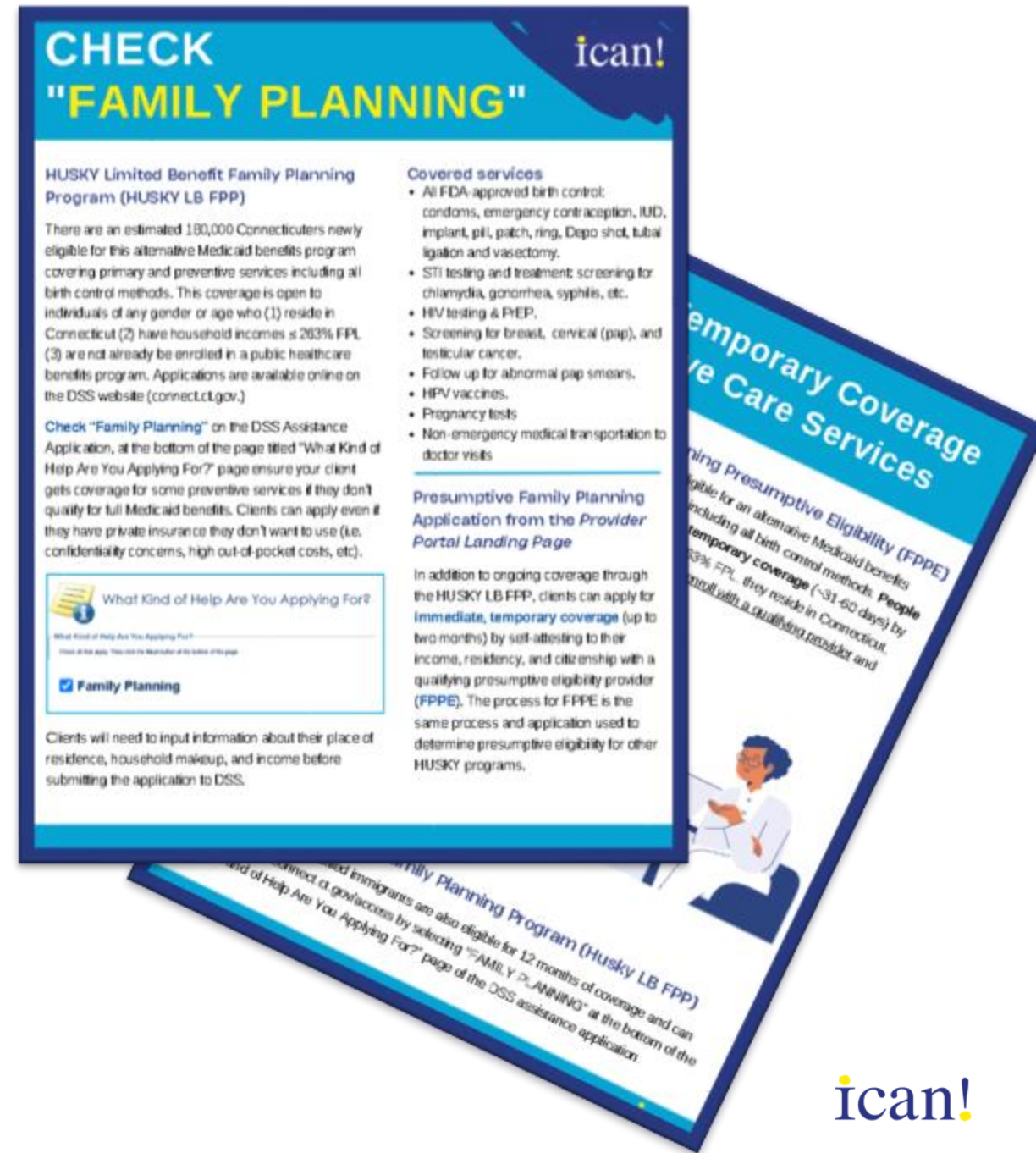
The diagram illustrates a website migration project. On the left, a screenshot of the current 'DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' website is shown. It features a blue header with the 'CT.gov' logo and 'State of Connecticut'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to Connect!' section with a large blue arrow pointing upwards and the word 'Connect' written across it. Below this, there are sections for 'Am I Eligible?', 'Apply For Benefits', and 'MyAccount', each with a corresponding button ('CHECK NOW', 'APPLY NOW', 'ACCESS NOW'). A large yellow arrow points from the current website to the right, where a screenshot of the 'access health CT' website is displayed. The 'access health CT' website has a white header with the 'access health CT' logo and a navigation bar with links like 'Sign In', 'Language Help', 'Español', 'About Us', 'Blog', 'Create Account', and 'Resources For'. Below the header is a large banner image of a smiling child being held by an adult. The banner text reads 'Connecting You to Quality Health and Dental Insurance Plans' and 'Access Health CT is Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace, where you can shop, compare and enroll in quality health and dental plans. It is also the only place where you can qualify for financial help to lower your costs, and if eligible, enroll in low or no-cost coverage through HUSKY Health Programs (Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)) or the Covered CT Program.'

2027 Migration



# Call to Action:

- Encourage state/local systems to routinely include this alternative Medicaid coverage in all public information assets and processes.
- Connect ICAN! with Community-Based Partners for staff outreach and education training.
- Remember: ICAN! resources and training are always provided at no cost. Post digitally and share flyer widely for any consumer facing platforms.



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# Questions