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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: AR-13-0039

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The complete title XXI state plan for Arkansas consists of the most recent state plan posted on Medicaid.gov under CHIP and State Plan Amendments. The link is provided below. The following approved templates are in addition to, or replace sections of the state's posted current state plan. The attached approval letter(s) explain how these templates fit into that state plan.

Link to state title XXI state plans and amendments: <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html>

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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dr. Andy Allison
Medicaid Director
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Dear Dr. Allison:

I am pleased to inform you that Arkansas' Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), AR-13-0039, submitted on December 5, 2013, has been approved. This SPA incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements, including the single streamlined application, into Arkansas' CHIP state plan in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The approval of SPA AR-13-0039 includes approval of the state's use of the single, streamlined paper application for all insurance affordability programs, developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act. The State is also using an interim alternative single streamlined online application and by July 1, 2014, will implement a revised alternative single streamlined online application that addresses CMS concerns outlined in the companion letter issued with this SPA approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the new state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Arkansas' approved CHIP State Plan:

- CS24
- Attachment - Statement of use with respect to the alternative single streamlined online application

This approval and the attachments supercede the following sections of the current CHIP State Plan:

- Section 4.3: Single, Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process

- Section 4.4: Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this State Plan Amendment. Your Title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Collins' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Collins and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Eliot Fishman
Director

cc: Mr. Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas

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Dear Dr. Allison:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of Arkansas' Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), AR-13-0039, submitted on December 5, 2013. Our review of this submission included a review of Arkansas' alternative single streamlined online application developed by the state.

Through June 30, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined online application. This interim online application will need to be revised to reflect the following changes.

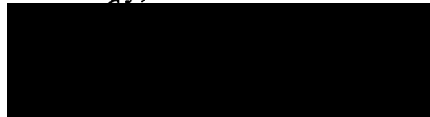
Necessary changes:	Date by which changes will be completed:
The State will incorporate into the online application, the employer health coverage Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit (APTC) questions needed to determine if applicants are eligible for a premium tax credit to access employer sponsored health coverage that is offered, when applicants are above the income limit for Medicaid and CHIP.	July 1, 2014

Please submit the revised online application to CMS for review no later than June 1, 2014, to ensure approval by July 1, 2014. We continue to be available to provide technical assistance. Your Title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Collins' contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,



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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility

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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory name: Arkansas

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

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Type of SPA:

- MAGI Eligibility & Methods
- XXI Medicaid Expansion
- Establish 2101(f) Group
- Eligibility Processing
- Non-Financial Eligibility

Proposed Effective Date

10/01/2013 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(o) of the SSA & 42 CFR 457, subpart C

Federal Budget Impact This SPA has a budget impact.

Total budget impact:

State Funds: \$ Federal Funds: \$ **Subject of Amendment**

Please provide a brief summary of SPA changes.

Character Count: 81 out of 2000

CHIP State Plan being amended to add General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Glenda Higgs

Last Revision Date: Sep 26, 2014

Submit Date: Dec 5, 2013

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing

CS24

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457, subpart C

- The CHIP Agency meets all of the requirements of 42 CFR 457, subpart C for application processing, eligibility screening and enrollment.

Application Processing

Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard:

- The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act.
- An alternative single, streamlined application developed by the state and approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act.

An attachment is submitted.

- An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs.

An attachment is submitted.

- The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in CFR 457.340(a), by telephone, via mail, in person and other commonly available electronic means.

The agency accepts applications in the following other electronic means.

- Other electronic means:

Screen and Enroll Process

- The CHIP Agency has coordinated eligibility and enrollment screening procedures in place that are applied at time of initial application, periodic redeterminations, and follow-up eligibility determinations. The procedures ensure that only targeted low-income children are provided CHIP coverage and that enrollment is facilitated for applicants found to be potentially eligible for other insurance affordability programs.

Procedures include:

- Screening of application to identify all individuals eligible or potentially eligible for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs; and
- Income eligibility test, with calculation of household income consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 for individuals identified as potentially eligible for Medicaid or other insurance affordability programs based on household income; and

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CHIP Eligibility

- Screening process for individuals who may qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than having household income at or below the applicable MAGI standard, based on information in the single streamlined application.

The CHIP agency has entered into an arrangement with the Exchange to make eligibility determinations for advanced premium tax credits in accordance with section 1943(b)(2) of the SSA.

Redetermination Processing

- Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 457.343:
 - Once every 12 months.
 - Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency.
- If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.

Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has adopted procedures to accept and process electronic accounts of individuals screened as potentially eligible for CHIP by other insurance affordability programs in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 457.348(b) and to determine eligibility in accordance with 42 CFR 457.340 in the same manner as if the application had been submitted directly to, and processed by the state.
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- The CHIP Agency elects the option to accept CHIP eligibility decisions made by the Exchange or other agencies administering insurance affordability programs as provided in 42 CFR 457.348 and to furnish CHIP in accordance with requirements of 42 CFR 457.340 to the same extent and in the same manner as if the applicant had been determined by the state to be eligible for CHIP.
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Check all types of agencies that apply:

- The Exchange
- Medicaid
- Other agency administering insurance affordability programs

- The CHIP Agency has entered into an agreement with agencies administering other insurance affordability programs to fulfill the requirements of 457.348(b) and will provide this agreement to the Secretary upon request.

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USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE SINGLE STREAMLINED APPLICATION

Paper Application Online Application

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

AR-13-0039

STATE:

Arkansas

Through June 30, 2014, the state is using an interim online alternative single streamlined application. After June 30, 2014, the state will use a revised online alternative single streamlined application, which will address the issues outlined in the CMS letter concerning the state's application. The revised application will be incorporated by reference into the state plan.