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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: CO-13-0015

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The complete title XXI state plan for Colorado 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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Ms. Suzanne Brennan
Director
Medical and CHP+ Program Administration Office
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203-1818

Dear Ms. Brennan:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your title XXI Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number CO-13-0015 submitted on November 29, 2013, with additional information provided on August 25, 2014. This SPA relates to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility and has an effective date of January 1, 2014.

In SPA number CO-13-0015, page CS15 provides assurance that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups, using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds. The state indicates on page CS7 that it will cover targeted low-income children, and indicates on page CS8 that it will cover targeted low-income pregnant women. The supporting document to CS8 clarifies the state’s claiming of title XXI funds for pregnant women. Page CS10 allows the state to cover children who have access to public employee coverage and updates the supporting documentation. Page CS11 allows the state to cover pregnant women who have access to public employee coverage and adds supporting documentation. And on page CS13 the state elects to cover as deemed newborns children born to mothers enrolled as targeted low-income children in CHIP. These pages are attached to this letter and should be incorporated into the current CHIP state plan according to the table below. Where the current CHIP state plan contains relevant information, the new pages should replace and supersede the corresponding information throughout the current state plan.

New State Plan Page	Impact on Current State Plan Section
CS15: MAGI-Based Income Methodologies	Section 4.3: Add new subsection and supersede information on income eligibility and methods
CS7: Targeted Low-Income Children	Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2, and 4.1.3: Supersede information on children
CS8: Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women	Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, and 4.1-PW: Supersede and add information on pregnant women
CS8: Supporting Document	Section : Add new documentation
CS10: Children Who Have Access to Public	Section 4.1.7 and 4.4.1: Supersede information on

New State Plan Page	Impact on Current State Plan Section
Employee Coverage	dependents of employees of a state agency
CS10: Maintenance of Agency Contribution	Appendix: Supersede current documentation
CS11: Pregnant Women Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage	Section 4.4.1: Add new information to section
CS11: Maintenance of Agency Contribution	Appendix: Add new documentation
CS13: Deemed Newborns	Section 4.3: Add new subsection on deeming

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Joyce Jordan. She is available to answer questions concerning these amendments and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Jordan's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Jordan and to Mr. Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Denver Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Denver Regional Office
Colorado State Bank Building
1600 Broadway, Suite# 700
Denver, Colorado 80202-4967

Congratulations on the approval. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Whitener, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-0719. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

cc:
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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: Colorado

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.

CO-13-0015

Type of SPA:

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

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

Sections 2102(b)(1)(B)(v), 2110 (b), and 2112 of the SSA; 42 CFR 457.310, 315, and 320

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: 207 out of 2000

Colorado CHIP MAGI-Based Eligibility & Methods, including MAGI-equivalent FPL % designation. Includes coverage of otherwise eligible children and pregnant women who have access to public employee coverage.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Barbara Prehmus

Last Revision Date: Aug 22, 2014

Submit Date: Nov 29, 2013

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Targeted Low-Income Children

CS7

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.310, 315 and 320

Targeted Low-Income Children - Uninsured children under age 19 whose household income is within standards established by the state.

The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Age

Must be under age 19.

Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide. Yes

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard? No

Statewide Income Standards

Begin with lowest age range first.

Please note that the lower bound for CHIP eligibility should be the highest standard used for Medicaid poverty-level children for the same age group or groups entered here.

	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	
+	0	19	142	260	X

Age ranges may overlap. If there is an overlap, provide an explanation. Include the age ranges for each income standard that has overlapping ages and the reason for having different income standards.

N/A

Special Program for Children with Disabilities

Does the state have a special program for children with disabilities? No

PRA Disclosure Statement



CHIP Eligibility

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CHIP Eligibility

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Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women CS8

Section 2112 of the SSA

Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women - Uninsured pregnant women who do not have access to public employee coverage and whose household income is within standards established by the state.

The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Age Standards for Pregnant Women

The state provides coverage to pregnant women:

Select an age range:

From age 19, up to the following age:

With no age restriction.

Another age range:

If there is no age restriction or if the age range overlaps with the qualifying ages for children, describe how the determination is made as to whether the applicant will be provided coverage as a child or as a pregnant woman.

Pregnant women under the age of 19 years old, which overlaps with the qualifying ages for children, will be enrolled as targeted low income children in Colorado's separate CHIP program. Such enrollment of pregnant women under the age of 19 as targeted low income children will be reflected on all reports, including financial reports.

Must be pregnant or post-partum

Income Standards

Pregnant women coverage may only be provided if children's qualifying income standard under the plan is at least up to 200% of FPL for all age ranges.

Income standard is applied statewide

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?

Statewide Income Standard

CHIP coverage for pregnant women may only be provided if the qualifying income standard under Medicaid for pregnant women is at least up to 185%.

The highest income level for pregnant women cannot be higher than the highest income level for children.

Above % FPL up to and including % FPL



CHIP Eligibility

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Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women; CHIP Match Rate Authorization

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

CHIP 13-0015

STATE:

Colorado

Pursuant to Colorado's approved title XXI section 1115 demonstration project No. 21-W-00014/8, the state is authorized to receive title XXI funds for uninsured pregnant women with income above 141 percent of the FPL through 195 percent of the FPL, who will be covered under the Medicaid state plan until July 31, 2015.



CHIP Eligibility

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage CS10

Sec. 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA

- Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage** - Otherwise eligible targeted low-income children who have access to public employee coverage on the basis of a family member's employment.

- The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Select one of the following conditions as described in Section 2110(b)(6) of the Social Security Act:

- Maintenance of agency contribution as provided in 2110(b)(6)(B) of the SSA.
 Hardship criteria as provided in section 2110(b)(6)(C) of the Social Security Act.

Coverage under this option is extended to children whose household income is:

Select one of the options for the income standard when compared to Targeted Low Income Children

- The same as the standards for Targeted Low-Income Children
 Lower than the income standards for Targeted Low-Income Children

Indicate whether coverage under this option is extended to all children who have access to public employee coverage, or only certain children:

- All children who have access to public employee coverage
 Certain children who have access to public employee coverage:

- Attach methodology the state has used to calculate maintenance of agency contribution.

An attachment is submitted.

- The state provides assurance that the state will, on an annual basis, recalculate expenditures for each participating public agency to determine if the maintenance effort condition continues to be met.
- Children who are eligible for public employee health benefits coverage who are not described above are excluded from eligibility under the plan.
- Children considered to have access to public employee coverage, and therefore not excluded from CHIP through this option, otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income child provided at 42 CFR 457.310.

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CHIP ELIGIBILITY SPA

Separate Child Health Insurance Program

Eligibility – Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage

CS10

ATTACHMENT 1: METHODOLOGY THE STATE HAS USED TO CALCULATE MAINTENANCE OF AGENCY CONTRIBUTION

Children of state employees will be enrolled into CHP+ if they meet all other technical eligibility requirements including income limits and lack of health insurance. Per section 10203(b)(2)(D) of the Affordable Care Act, States are permitted to extend CHIP eligibility to children of State employees who are otherwise eligible under the Title XXI (CHIP) State Plan to the extent that one of two conditions is met. These conditions are described in a new section 2110(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (added by the Affordable Care Act and amended by Public Law 111-309) and are referred to as the hardship and the maintenance of agency contribution conditions.

Colorado is electing to cover children of state employees under the maintenance of agency contribution condition authorized in Section 2110(b)(6)(B) of the Social Security Act. Specifically, this section grants an exception to the exclusion of children of state employees if the State determines that public agency expenditures for health coverage for employees that have dependent coverage is not less than the amount of such expenditures in the 1997 State fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase of the medical care expenditure category of the Consumer Price Index for All-Urban Consumers (all items: U.S. City Average).

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1997	\$3,106.56	\$8,472.96	\$1,525.44	\$5,570.16	\$4,044.72	\$1,581.12	\$2,902.80	\$1,321.68		\$1,581.12	\$2,902.80	\$1,321.68		
1998	\$3,106.56	\$8,472.96	\$1,532.40	\$5,577.12	\$4,044.72	\$1,574.16	\$2,895.84	\$1,321.68	3.20%	\$1,631.72	\$2,995.69	\$1,363.97		
1999	\$4,586.40	\$12,567.60	\$3,017.52	\$9,677.04	\$6,659.52	\$1,568.88	\$2,890.56	\$1,321.68	3.51%	\$1,688.99	\$3,100.84	\$1,411.85		
2000	\$2,805.12	\$7,687.20	\$1,239.36	\$4,799.76	\$3,560.40	\$1,565.76	\$2,887.44	\$1,321.68	4.08%	\$1,757.90	\$3,227.50	\$1,469.60		
2001	\$3,005.04	\$7,916.40	\$1,304.16	\$4,343.52	\$3,039.36	\$1,700.88	\$3,572.88	\$1,872.00	4.58%	\$1,838.41	\$3,375.28	\$1,536.87		
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2006	\$4,668.00	\$8,858.40	\$2,385.60	\$4,990.56	\$2,604.96	\$2,282.40	\$3,867.84	\$1,585.44	4.00%	\$2,270.65	\$4,168.81	\$1,898.16		
2007	\$5,757.60	\$10,943.76	\$2,828.16	\$6,366.00	\$3,537.84	\$2,929.44	\$4,577.76	\$1,648.32	4.52%	\$2,373.28	\$4,357.34	\$1,984.06		
2008	\$6,477.12	\$11,612.16	\$5,135.04	\$6,298.08	\$3,251.04	\$3,430.08	\$5,314.08	\$1,884.00	3.80%	\$2,463.46	\$4,522.83	\$2,059.37		
2009	\$8,430.00	\$15,173.76	\$4,346.88	\$9,176.16	\$4,829.28	\$4,083.12	\$5,997.60	\$1,914.48	3.26%	\$2,543.77	\$4,670.06	\$2,126.29		
2010	\$10,488.96	\$18,875.04	\$6,281.04	\$11,349.84	\$5,068.80	\$4,207.92	\$7,525.20	\$3,317.28	3.64%	\$2,636.37	\$4,840.21	\$2,203.84		
2011	\$5,452.32	\$9,760.32	\$1,012.56	\$1,824.96	\$812.40	\$4,439.76	\$7,935.36	\$3,495.60	3.19%	\$2,720.47	\$4,994.46	\$2,273.99		
2012	\$5,534.88	\$10,547.52	\$1,113.84	\$2,631.60	\$1,517.76	\$4,421.04	\$7,915.92	\$3,494.88	3.87%	\$2,825.75	\$5,187.73	\$2,361.98		
2013**	\$5,968.56	\$11,087.52	\$1,111.92	\$2,625.12	\$1,513.20	\$4,856.64	\$8,462.40	\$3,605.76	2.53%	\$2,897.24	\$5,319.06	\$2,421.82		

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program

Eligibility - Pregnant Women Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage

CS11

Sec. 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA

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- Age Standard

Select an age standard:

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 Different than the age criteria used for Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.

- Must be pregnant or in a post-partum period.

- Pregnant women considered to have access to public employee coverage, and therefore not excluded from CHIP through this option, otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income pregnant woman in accordance with section 2112(d)(2) of the SSA.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Deemed Newborns

CS13

Section 2112(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.360

Deemed Newborns - Children born to targeted low-income pregnant women are deemed to have applied for and be eligible for CHIP or Medicaid until the child turns one.

The state operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

The child was born to an eligible targeted low-income pregnant woman under section 2112 of the SSA.

The child is deemed to have applied for and been found eligible for CHIP or Medicaid, as appropriate, as of the date of the child's birth, and remains eligible without regard to changes in circumstances until the child's first birthday.

The state elects the following option(s):

The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered as a targeted low-income child under the state's separate CHIP on the date of the newborn's birth.

The state elects to recognize a child's deemed newborn status from another state and provides benefits in accordance with the requirements of section 2112(e) of the SSA.

The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered under Medicaid or CHIP through the authority of the state's section 1115 demonstration on the date of the newborn's birth.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

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2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.315

- The CHIP Agency will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies for all separate CHIP covered groups, as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(b) through (i).

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for enrollees determined eligible for CHIP on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014 or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later.

If the state covers pregnant women, in determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size.
- Projected annual household income for the remaining months of the current calendar year and family size.

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of the reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided Yes by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

- The CHIP Agency certifies that it has submitted and received approval for the conversion for all separate CHIP covered group income standards to MAGI-equivalent standards.

An attachment is submitted.

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