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**State/Territory Name: Maine**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: ME-13-0022**

**(In addition to the SPA noted above, this package contains other state plan amendment approvals)**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) SPA Summary Form
- 3) Approved SPA Pages
- 4) Additional Attachments that are part of the state plan

The complete title XXI state plan for Maine 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**

**OCT 16 2013**

Ms. Amy Dix  
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11 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Dix:

I am pleased to inform you that your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) numbers ME-13-0021 and ME-13-0022, submitted on September 13, 2013, and SPA number ME-13-033, submitted on October 8, 2013, all of which are related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility, have been approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

**MAGI Eligibility & Methods:**

SPA number ME-13-0021, provides assurance on page CS15 that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups; and using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds, the state indicates on page CS7 that it will cover targeted low-income children. A copy of the approved CS15 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.3 of the state's approved CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS7 is attached and supersedes the current Age and Income Sections 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the current CHIP state plan.

**Title XXI Medicaid Expansion:**

SPA number ME-13-033 converts the state's existing income eligibility standards to MAGI-equivalent standards, by age group, for children covered in its Title XXI-funded Medicaid program. A copy of the approved state plan page (CS3) is attached and should be incorporated into a new section 4.0 in the state's approved CHIP state plan.

**Establish 2101(f) Group:**

SPA number ME-13-0022 provides coverage in a separate CHIP, as specified in the state's submission of CS14: Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards. A copy of the approved state plan page (CS14) is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.1 of Maine's approved CHIP state plan.

Your Title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Mr. Burian's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Burian and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region I, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations. Mr. McGreal's address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations  
JFK Federal Building  
15 Sudbury Street, Room 2325  
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of Children's Health Insurance Programs, at (410) 786-5143. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Eliot Fishman.

Eliot Fishman  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Richard McGreal, ARA, CMS Region I

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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: Maine

**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.

ME-13-0022

**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**

Section 2101(f) of the ACA and 42 CFR 457.310(d)

**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: 62 out of 2000

SPA changes to ensure compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

**Signature of State Agency Official**

Submitted By: Reinhold Bansmer

Last Revision Date: Oct 10, 2013

Submit Date: Sep 13, 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	1	191	208	X
+	1	19	157	208	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.

### Special Program for Children with Disabilities

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

### PRA Disclosure Statement



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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

CS15

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 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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Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program					CS3
42 CFR 457.320(a)(2) and (3)					
Income eligibility for children under the Medicaid Expansion is determined in accordance with the following income standards: There should be no overlaps or gaps for the ages entered.					
Age and Household Income Ranges					
	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	
+	1	6	140	157	X
+	6	19	132	157	X

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**Child Health Insurance Program**  
**Eligibility - Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards** **CS14**

Section 2101(f) of the ACA and 42 CFR 457.310(d)

Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards

The CHIP agency provides coverage for this group of children as follows:

The state has received approval from CMS to maintain Medicaid eligibility for children who would otherwise be subject to Section 2101(f) such that no child in the state will be subject to this provision.

The state assures that separate CHIP coverage will be provided for children ineligible for Medicaid due to the elimination of income disregards in accordance with 42 CFR 457.310(d). Coverage for this population will cease when the last child protected from loss of Medicaid coverage as a result of the elimination of income disregards has been afforded 12 months of coverage in a separate CHIP (expected to be no later than April 1, 2016).

Describe the methodology used by the state to identify and enroll children in a separate CHIP who are subject to the protection afforded by Section 2101(f) of the Affordable Care Act:

The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all children qualifying for section 2101(f) protection will qualify for the state's existing separate CHIP.

The state will enroll all children in a separate CHIP who lose Medicaid eligibility because of an increase in family income at their first renewal applying MAGI methods.

The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP whose family income falls above the converted MAGI Medicaid FPL but at or below the following percentage of FPL. The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all or almost all the children who would have maintained Medicaid eligibility if former disregards were applied will be within this income range and therefore covered in the separate CHIP.

% FPL

The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP who are found to be ineligible for Medicaid based on MAGI but whose family income has not increased since the child's last determination of Medicaid eligibility or who would have remained eligible for Medicaid (based on the 2013 Medicaid income standard) if the value of their 2013 disregards had been applied to the family income as determined by MAGI methodology.

Other.

Describe the benefits provided to this population:

This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's Medicaid program.

This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's separate CHIP.

Other (consistent with Section 2103 of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart D).

Describe premiums and cost sharing required of this population:

Cost sharing is the same as for children in the Medicaid program.



# CHIP Eligibility

- Premiums and cost sharing are the same as for targeted low-income children in the state's separate CHIP.
- No premiums, copayments, deductibles, coinsurance or other cost sharing is required.
- Other premiums and/or cost-sharing requirements (consistent with Section 2103(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart E).

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