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State/Territory Name: North Carolina

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: NC-13-0008

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

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The complete title XXI state plan for North Carolina 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: XXI state plans and amendments:
<http://medicaid.gov/chip/state-program-information/chipstate-program-information.html>

Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility

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State/Territory North Carolina name: 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.

NC-13-0008

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

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

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: 38 out of 2000

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Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Teresa Smith

Last Revision Date: Jan 7, 2014

Date:

Submit Date: Oct 18, 2013

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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Sandra Terrell, MS, RN
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Dear Ms. Terrell:

I am pleased to inform you that your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendments (SPAs) numbered NC-13-0008, NC-13-0009 and NC-13-0012 submitted on October 18, 2013 and related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility have been approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

MAGI Eligibility & Methods:

SPA number NC-13-0008 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 Geographic Area, Age and Income Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the current CHIP state plan.

XXI Medicaid Expansion:

SPA number NC-13-0009 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 the state's approved CHIP state plan. This page supersedes the current Medicaid expansion Section (4.0) of the current CHIP state plan.

Non-Financial Eligibility:

SPA number NC-13-0012 is approved to clarify the state's non-financial eligibility policies on residency, citizenship, social security numbers, non-payment of premiums, and continuous eligibility. Copies of the approved state plan pages are attached and these approved pages supersede sections of North Carolina's current state plan as detailed below:

| New State Plan Page | Impact on Current State Plan Section |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| CS17: Non-Financial Eligibility – Residency | Section 4.1.5 |
| CS18: Non-Financial Eligibility – Citizenship | Section 4.1.0; 4.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR |
| CS19: Non-Financial Eligibility – Social Security Number | Section 4.1.9.1 |
| CS21: Non-Payment of Premiums | Section 8.7 |
| CS27: General Eligibility – Continuous Eligibility | Section 4.1.8 |

Your Title XXI project officer is Ms. LaVern Baty. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Ms. Baty's contact information is as follows:

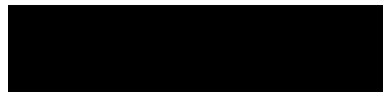
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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Baty and Ms. Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region 4, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations. Ms. Glaze's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage 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,



Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

cc: Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV

Teresa Smith, Administrative Service Manager, Division of Medical Assistance



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) | |
|---|----------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| + | 6 | 19 | 133 | 211 | 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

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CHIP Eligibility

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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) | |
|---|----------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| + | 0 | 1 | 194 | 210 | X |
| + | 1 | 6 | 141 | 210 | X |
| + | 6 | 19 | 107 | 133 | X |

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CHIP Eligibility

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program
Non-Financial Eligibility - Residency

CSI7

42 CFR 457.320

Residency

- The CHIP Agency provides CHIP to otherwise eligible residents of the state, including residents who are absent from the state under certain conditions.

A child is considered to be a resident of the state under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized child, if capable of indicating intent and who is emancipated or married, if the child is living in the state and:
 1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or
 2. Has entered the state with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- A non-institutionalized child not described above and a child who is not a ward of the state:
 1. Residing in the state, with or without a fixed address, or
 2. The state of residency of the parent or caretaker, in accordance with 42 CFR.435.403(h)(1), with whom the individual resides.
- An institutionalized child, who is not a ward of the state, if the state is the state of residence of the child's custodial parent or caretaker at the time of placement, or
- A child who is a ward of the state regardless of where the child lives, or
- A child physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the child's actual state of residence.

If the state covers pregnant women, a pregnant woman is considered to be a resident under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized pregnant woman who is living in the state and:
 1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or if incapable of indicating intent, is living in the state, or
 2. Entered with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- An institutionalized pregnant woman placed in an out-of-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, including foster care homes, by an agency of the state, or
- An institutionalized pregnant woman residing in an in-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, whether or not the individual established residency in the state prior to entering the institution, or
- A pregnant woman physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the pregnant woman's actual state of residence.

The state has in place related to the residency of children and pregnant women (if covered by the state):

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CHIP Eligibility

One or more interstate agreement(s). Yes

The state has interstate agreements with the following other states:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> New York | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania | |

The interstate agreement contains a procedure for providing CHIP to individuals pending resolution of their residency status and criteria for resolving disputed residency of individuals who: (Select all that apply)

- Are in the state only for the purpose of attending school.
- Are out of the state only for the purpose of attending school.
- Retain addresses in both states.
- Other type of individual:

A policy related to individuals in the state only for educational purposes. Yes

Provide a description of the policy:

An individual is a resident lives in NC independently from his parent(s) for his total financial support and care, including tuition and living expenses, does not intend to live with a parent that is a resident of another state, and is not claimed as a tax dependent by an individual who is a resident of another state.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Citizenship

CS18

Sections 2105(c)(9) and 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.320(b)(6), (c) and (d)

Citizenship

The CHIP Agency provides CHIP eligibility to otherwise eligible citizens and nationals of the United States and certain non-citizens, including the time period during which they are provided with reasonable opportunity to submit verification of their citizenship, national status or satisfactory immigration status.

The CHIP Agency provides eligibility under the Plan to otherwise eligible individuals:

Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or

Who are qualified non-citizens as defined in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. §1641), or whose eligibility is required by section 402(b) of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1612(b)) and is not prohibited by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or

Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or an individual having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, nationality, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of 1903(x), 1137(d), and 1902(ee) of the Act, and 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 956 and 457.380.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period if the individual is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

 No

The agency begins to furnish benefits to otherwise eligible individuals during the reasonable opportunity period on a date earlier than the date the notice is received by the individual.

 Yes

The date benefits are furnished is:

The date of application containing the declaration of citizenship or immigration status.

The date the reasonable opportunity notice is sent.

Other date, as described:

The first day of the month of application if otherwise eligible.

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible children up to age 19, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA (Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3).

 Yes

Otherwise eligible children means children meeting the eligibility requirements of targeted low-income children with the exception of non-citizen status.

The CHIP Agency provides assurance that lawfully residing children are also covered under the state's Medicaid program.



CHIP Eligibility

No

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant women, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3. The state may not select this option unless the state also elects to cover lawfully residing children. A state may not select this option unless the state also covers Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.

- An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and meets state residency requirements.
- An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if he or she is:
 1. A qualified non-citizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);
 2. A non-citizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));
 3. A non-citizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
 4. A non-citizen who belongs to one of the following classes:
 - (i) Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1160 or 1255a, respectively;
 - (ii) Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
 - (iii) Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);
 - (iv) Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;
 - (v) Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;
 - (vi) Granted Deferred Action status;
 - (vii) Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;
 - (viii) Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;
 5. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C.1231, or under the Convention Against Torture, who:
 - (i) Has been granted employment authorization; or
 - (ii) Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
 6. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
 7. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C.1101(a)(27)(J);
 8. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or
 9. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)).



CHIP Eligibility

10. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (1) through (9) of this definition.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Social Security Number

CS19

42 CFR 457.340(b)

Social Security Number

As a condition of eligibility, the CHIP Agency must require individuals who have a social security number or are eligible for one as determined by the Social Security Administration, to furnish their social security number, or numbers if they have more than one number.

- The CHIP Agency requires individuals, as a condition of eligibility, to furnish their social security number(s), with the following exceptions:

Individuals refusing to obtain a social security number (SSN) because of well established religious objections, or

Individuals who are not eligible for an SSN, or

Individuals who are issued an SSN only for a valid non-work purpose.

- The CHIP Agency assists individuals, who are required to provide their SSN, to apply for or obtain an SSN from the Social Security Administration if the individual does not have or forgot their SSN.

- The CHIP Agency informs individuals required to provide their SSN:

By what statutory authority the number is solicited; and

How the state will use the SSN.

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it will verify each SSN furnished by an applicant or beneficiary with the Social Security Administration, not deny or delay services to an otherwise eligible applicant pending issuance or verification of the individual's SSN by the Social Security Administration and that the state's utilization of the SSNs is consistent with sections 205 and 1137 of the Social Security Act and the Privacy Act of 1974.

The state may request non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN, if the state meets the requirements below.

The state requests non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN.

Yes

- When requesting an SSN for non-applicant household members, the state assures that:

- At the time such SSN is requested, the state informs the non-applicant that this information is voluntary and provides information regarding how the SSN will be used; and

- The state only uses the SSN for determination of eligibility for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs, or for a purpose directly connected with the administration of the state plan.

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| Separate Child Health Insurance Program | CS21 |
| Non-Financial Eligibility - Non-Payment of Premiums | |
| 42 CFR 457.570 | |
| Non-Payment of Premiums | |
| Does the state impose premiums or enrollment fees? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Can non-payment of premiums or enrollment fees result in loss of CHIP eligibility? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Does the state have a premium lock out period? | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state assures that it provides enrollees with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program in accordance with section 457.1130(a)(3). | |

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Continuous Eligibility

CS27

2105(a)(4)(A) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.342 and 435.926

The CHIP Agency may provide that children who have been determined eligible under the state plan shall remain eligible, regardless of any changes in the family's circumstances, during a continuous eligibility period up to 12 months, or until the time the child reaches an age specified by the state (not to exceed age 19), whichever is earlier.

The CHIP Agency elects to provide continuous eligibility to children under this provision. Yes

For children up to age 19

For children up to age

The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends:

At the end of the months continuous eligibility period.

Exceptions to the continuous eligibility period:

The child attains the age specified by the state Agency or age 19.

The child or child's representative requests voluntary disenrollment.

The child is no longer a resident of the state.

The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of Agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to child or child's representative.

The child dies.

There is a failure to pay required premiums or enrollment fees on behalf of a child, as provided for in the state plan.

Other

| | Describe | |
|---|---|---|
| + | The child becomes eligible for SSI. | X |
| + | The child obtains comprehensive health insurance. | X |
| + | The child becomes incarcerated. | X |
| + | The child become eligible for WFFA/TANF. | X |
| + | The child becomes eligible for HSF/IAS. | X |

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| + | The child becomes pregnant. | X |
| + | The child enters LTC/CAP | X |

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