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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: RI-13-023

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The complete title XXI state plan for Rhode Island 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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Dear Ms. Florio:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number RI-13-023, submitted on December 12, 2013, with additional information provided on April 4, 2014, and related Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility, with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

In SPA number RI-13-023, page CS15 provides assurance that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups. Page CS9 indicates that, using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds, the state will cover children from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid. Page CS13 indicates that the state elects to cover as deemed newborns children born to mothers enrolled in the section 1115 demonstration, Rhode Island Comprehensive Demonstration. 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 CS9 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. A copy of the approved CS13 is attached and should be incorporated within under Section 4.3 of the state'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 (ARA) in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's address is:

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15 Sudbury Street, Room 2325
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Barbara K. Richards, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5920. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Eliot Fishman.

Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosure

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**Children's Health Insurance
Program Eligibility**

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Summary

Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory name: Rhode Island

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.

RI-13-023

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

42 CFR 457.10, 457.360, Sections 2110(b)(2)(B), (b), (b)(6); Section 2112; and Section 2112(e)

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:33 out of 2000

CHIP MAGI Eligibility and Methods

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Jodi DiBernardo

Last Revision Date: Apr 2, 2014

Submit Date: Dec 12, 2013

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program **CS15**
MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

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.

PRA Disclosure Statement



CHIP Eligibility

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 50 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.



CHIP Eligibility

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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.

If the applicant is eligible as both a child and a pregnant woman, they are covered first as a pregnant woman, if possible.

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

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Coverage From Conception to Birth **CS9**

42 CFR 457.10

Coverage From Conception to Birth - Coverage from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid.

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

Age Standard

From conception through birth.

Does the state have an additional age definition or other age-related conditions? No

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 Standard

The statewide income standard is: From zero up to 253 % FPL

Exempted from requirement of providing or applying for a Social Security Number.

Exempted from requirement of verifying citizenship status.

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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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