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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: UT-17-0001-MC

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The complete title XXI state plan for Utah 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 Mr. Nelson:

I am pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), UT-17-0001-MC, submitted on February 6, 2017, with additional information submitted on April 25, 2017, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of January 1, 2017.

This SPA clarifies the state's policy on household composition under 42 CFR 457.315. Married couples who are living separately will be treated as individual households, even when filing a joint tax return. The state has an approved Medicaid SPA, UT-17-0003-MM, that also implements this policy. That SPA was approved on April 21, 2017, with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Joyce Jordan. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment 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:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Amy Lutzky, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-0721.

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

Sincerely,



Anne Marie Costello
Director

cc:
Richard Allen, ARA, CMS Region VIII, Denver

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Summary

Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory Utah

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UT-17-0001

Type of SPA:

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

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2017 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

Pub L. No. 111-148

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: 126 out of 2000

This amendment clarifies that the State will treat separated spouses as separate households when determining CHIP eligibility.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Craig Devashrayee

Last Revision: Apr 25, 2017

Date:

Submit Date: Feb 6, 2017

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CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: UT - 17 - 0001

**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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CHIP Eligibility

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**MAGI-Based Income Methodologies
(Attachment to CS15)**

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

UT-17-0001

STATE:

Utah

When considering household composition under 42 CFR 457.315, the state will include married couples in each other's households only when they are physically living together (with the exception of temporary absences) even when filing a joint tax return. The state shall apply this policy consistently for all such joint filers living separately for the purpose of MAGI-based methodologies.