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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

August 11, 2026

Wanda Davis
Director, Children's Health Insurance Program
201 Monroe Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Director Davis:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) AL-25-0034-JIY, submitted June 30, 2025, with additional information received on August 11, 2026, has been approved. The effective date for this SPA is January 1, 2025.

Through AL-25-0034-JIY, Alabama demonstrates compliance with section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023) by transitioning eligible children who are enrolled in CHIP to Medicaid when they become incarcerated. The state will provide pre-release services to eligible juveniles under the Medicaid state plan.

Your Project Officer is Joshua Bougie. He is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters and can be reached at Joshua.Bougie@cms.hhs.gov.

If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Beth Hance, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-4299. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Jessica Stephens/

Jessica Stephens
Acting Director

TEMPLATE FOR CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: Alabama
(Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))

Scott Harris, State Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health, June 27, 2025
(Signature of Governor, or designee, of State/Territory, Date Signed)

submits the following Child Health Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of the approved Child Health Plan, the requirements of Title XXI and XIX of the Act (as appropriate) and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.

The following State officials are responsible for program administration and financial oversight (42 CFR 457.40(c)):

Name: Wanda J. Davis
Name: Shaundra B. Morris
Name: _____

Position/Title: CHIP Director
Position/Title: Director, ADPH Financial Services
Position/Title: _____

Disclosure Statement This information is being collected to pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1397aa, which requires states to submit a State Child Health Plan in order to receive federal funding. This mandatory information collection will be used to demonstrate compliance with all requirements of title XXI of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR part 457. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148 (CMS-10398 #34). Public burden for all of the collection of information requirements under this control number is estimated to average 80 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Guidance: The effective date as specified below is defined as the date on which the State begins to incur costs to implement its State plan or amendment. (42 CFR 457.65) The implementation date is defined as the date the State begins to provide services; or, the date on which the State puts into practice the new policy described in the State plan or amendment. For example, in a State that has increased eligibility, this is the date on which the State begins to provide coverage to enrollees (and not the date the State begins outreach or accepting applications).

- 1.4.** Provide the effective (date costs begin to be incurred) and implementation (date services begin to be provided) dates for this SPA (42 CFR 457.65). A SPA may only have one effective date, but provisions within the SPA may have different implementation dates that must be after the effective date.

Original Plan

Effective Date: February 1, 1998

Implementation Date: February 1, 1998

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| Amendment 1 | Establishment of ALL Kids
Effective Date: February 1, 1998
Implementation Date: October 1, 1998 |
| Amendment 2 | Establishment of ALL Kids PLUS
Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 1999 |
| Amendment 3 | Disregards
Effective/Implementation Date: June 1, 2001 |
| Amendment 4 | Compliance
Effective/Implementation Date: August 24, 2001 |
| Amendment 5 | Waiting List, Cost Sharing, Benefit Changes
Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2003 |
| Amendment 6 | Discontinuance of the Waiting List and other Clean-Up changes
Effective/Implementation Date: November 23, 2004 |
| Amendment 7 | Raise the upper income eligibility limit to 300% of FPL and other minor changes
Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2009 |
| Amendment 8 | Include a private foundation grant as an additional source of state funding
Effective/Implementation Date: October 27, 2009 |
| Amendment 9 | Establishment of a Prospective Payment System for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2009;
Addendum on Dental Benefits Under Title XXI:
Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 1998 |

- Amendment 10 Eligibility for children of employees of a public agency (state employees and public education employees)
Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2011
- Amendment 11 Provisions for Implementing Temporary Adjustments to Enrollment Determination and/or Redetermination Policies and Cost Sharing Requirements for Applicants/Renewals living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of a disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.
Effective/Implementation Date: April 15, 2011
- Amendment 12 Increase premiums, increase co-pays and revise the methodology for determining annual aggregate cost-sharing
Effective/Implementation Date: May 1, 2012
- Amendment 13 Establishment of copayments for therapy services (physical, occupational, and speech), vision services and chiropractic services; and cleanup changes
Effective/Implementation Date: August 1, 2013
- Amendment 14 Alignment of ALL Kids fee groups with provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other editorial changes to comply with previously approved ACA SPAs.
Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014
- Amendment 15 AL-16-0015-MEXP – CHIP Medicaid expansion to cover Medicaid enrollees ages 14 years to 19 years with incomes above 18% FPL through 141% FPL.
Effective Date: October 1, 2015
Implementation Date: January 1, 2016
- Amendment 16 AL-18-0016-PAR - Attestation and documentation of Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity.
Submission Date: July 10, 2018
Effective Date: October 1, 2017*
Implementation Date: October 1, 2017*
*Note: Benefits were adjusted in October 2010 to be compliant with mental health parity; this amendment did not require any benefit changes
- Amendment 17 AL-19-0017-RIM
Reducing Infant Mortality (RIM) Health Service Initiative
Submission Date: July 17, 2019
Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Implementation Date: July 1, 2019

- Amendment 18 AL-19-0018-RIM
CS9 Eligibility – Coverage from Conception to Birth
Submission Date: July 17, 2019
Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Implementation Date: July 1, 2019
- Amendment 19 AL-20-0019-CEN
CS15 MAGI-Based Income Methodologies – Temporary Income
Submission Date: February 26, 2020
Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Implementation Date July 1, 2020
- Amendment 20 AL-20-0020-COVI
Allowing for Temporary Waiving of cost sharing requirements for enrollees who reside and/or work in a State or Federally declared disaster area.
Submission Date: July 29, 2020
Effective Date: March 1, 2020
Implementation Date: March 1, 2020
- Amendment 21 AL-20-0021-BH
Documentation of AL CHIP compliance with the SUPPORT Act
Documentation of AL CHIP compliance with the SUPPORT
Submission Date: July 29, 2020
Effective Date: October 1, 2019
Implementation Date: October 24, 2018
- Amendment 22 AL-21-0022-PP
Postpartum coverage Health Services Initiative for ALL Babies
Submission Date: May 13, 2021
Effective Date: July 1, 2021
Implementation Date: July 1, 2021
- Amendment 23 AL-22-0023-OBJ
Edits to align Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals with CARTS
Submission Date: March 30, 2022
Effective Date: October 1, 2021
Implementation Date: October 1, 2021
- Amendment 24 AL-22-0024-ARP
Coverage of COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and treatment under American Rescue Plan Act
Submission Date: March 30, 2022
Effective Date: March 11, 2021
Implementation Date: March 11, 2021

- Amendment 25 AL-22-0025-CE
12-Month Postpartum Period Continuous Eligibility
Submission Date: August 25, 2022
Effective Date: October 1, 2022
Implementation Date: October 1, 2022
- Amendment 26 AL-23-0026-RIM2
CS9 Eligibility - Expanding Coverage from Conception to Birth
Submission Date: January 9, 2023
Effective Date: May 1, 2023
Implementation Date: May 1, 2023
- Amendment 27 AL-23-0027-CC
Amending AL-19-0017-RIM to discontinue HSI
Submission Date: January 9, 2023
Effective Date: October 1, 2023
Implementation Date: September 30, 2023
- Amendment 28 AL-23-0028-ROR
Reach Out and Read HSI
Submission Date: February 1, 2023
Effective Date: June 1, 2023
Implementation Date: June 1, 2023
- Amendment 29 AL-23-0029-MH
Project clean up ECHO Model for IECMH
Submission Date: February 1, 2023
Effective Date: June 1, 2023
Implementation Date: June 1, 2023
- Amendment 30 AL-24-0030-VCTE
Purpose of SPA: Transition the current approved State Plan into the new Title XXI Template; Assure Compliance with SHO #23-003 re: Mandatory Coverage of Adult Vaccinations; updating and relocating the Grievance Policy description from Attachment A to Section 12; and other minor technical edits
Submission Date: January 10, 2024
Effective date: October 1, 2023
Implementation date: October 1, 2023
- Amendment 31 AL-24-0031-ABSC
Expand FCEP and the HSI Postpartum Coverage from 36 counties to statewide
Submission Date: January 18, 2024
Effective date: October 1, 2024
Implementation date: October 1, 2024

- Amendment 32 AL-24-0032-CEEC
Demonstrate compliance with Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility (CS27 MMDL submission)
Submission Date: July 1, 2024
Effective date: January 1, 2024
Implementation date: January 1, 2024
- Amendment 33 AL-25-0033-NPP
Demonstrate compliance with prohibition of implementing premium lock out periods and collection of past due premiums as a condition of eligibility.
Submission Date: June 20, 2025
Effective Date: June 3, 2025
Implementation Date: June 3, 2025
- Amendment 34 AL-25-0034-JIY
Eligibility and Coverage During Incarceration and Redetermination Prior to Release
Submission Date: June 30, 2025
Effective Date: January 1, 2025
Implementation Date: January 1, 2025

ACA SPA Group	PDF #	Transmittal Number and Dates	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
MAGI Eligibility and Methods	CS7	AL-14-0016 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Eligibility – Targeted Low Income Children	Supersedes the current sections Geographic Area 4.1.1; Age 4.1.2; and Income 4.1.3
	CS9	AL-24-0031-FCEP Effective Date: October 1, 2024 AL-23-0026-RIM2 Effective Date and Implementation Date: May 1, 2023 AL-19-0018-RIM Effective Date and Implementation Date: July 1, 2019	Coverage from Conception to Birth	Supersedes previously approved CS9 Supersedes previously approved CS9
	CS10	AL-14-0016 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Children With Access to Public Employee Coverage	Section 4.4.1 Supersedes the information on dependents of public employees in this section; supporting documentation should be incorporated as an appendix to the current state plan
	CS15	AL-20-0019-CEN Effective Date and Implementation Date: July 1, 2020 AL-14-0016 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	MAGI-Based Income Methodologies	Supersedes previously approved CS15 Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.3
Title XXI – Medicaid Expansion	CS3	AL-16-0015-MEXP Effective Date and Implementation Date: October 1, 2015	CHIP Medicaid expansion to also cover Medicaid enrollees ages 14 years to 19	Supersedes previously approved CS3

ACA SPA Group	PDF #	Transmittal Number and Dates	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
		AL-14-0014 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	years with incomes above 18% FPL through 141% FPL Eligibility for CHIP Medicaid Expansion	Supersedes the current Medicaid expansion section 4.0
Establish 2101(f) Group	CS14	AL-14-0015 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards	Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.1
Eligibility Process	CS24	AL-14-0018 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Single, Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process Renewals	Supersedes the current sections 4.3 and 4.4
Non-Financial Eligibility	CS17	AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Financial Eligibility – Residency	Supersedes the current section 4.1.5
	CS18	AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Financial – Citizenship	Supersedes the current sections 4.1.0; 4.1.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR
	CS19	AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Financial – Social Security Number	Supersedes the current section 4.1.9.1
	CS20	AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Substitution of Coverage	Supersedes the current section 4.4.4
	CS21	AL-25-0033-NPPR Effective Date and Implementation Date: June 3, 2025	Renewal/reenrollment is not contingent upon payment of premiums	Supersedes the previously approved CS21
		AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Payment of Premiums	Supersedes the current section 8.7

ACA SPA Group	PDF #	Transmittal Number and Dates	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
	CS27	AL-24-0032-CEEC Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2024	Continuous Eligibility	Supersedes previously approved CS27
		AL-22-0025-CE Effective Date and Implementation Date: October 1, 2022	12-Month Postpartum Period Continuous Eligibility	Supersedes previously approved CS27
		AL-14-0017 Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Continuous Eligibility	Supersedes the current section 4.1.8
	CS31	AL-25-0034-JIY Effective Date and Implementation Date: January 1, 2025	Incarcerated CHIP Beneficiaries	

1.4- TC

Tribal Consultation (Section 2107(e)(1)(C)) Describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment, when it occurred and who was involved.

In accordance with approved policies, on **May 15, 2025**, a certified letter explaining the changes proposed in **AL-25-0034-JIY** was mailed to the Tribal Chairman of the one federally recognized Native American tribe in Alabama, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The letter included the purpose for the proposed changes and a description of the changes. In the letter, the Tribal Chairman was also reminded that she had the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes within 30 days and was given contact information for any such response. The certified letter was signed by the CHIP Director. No comments were received as of **June 15, 2025**.

TN No: Approval Date Effective Date: **June 15, 2025**

4.1.9 ☒ Other Standards- Identify and describe other standards for or affecting eligibility, including those standards in 457.310 and 457.320 that are not addressed above. For instance:

Comprehensive health coverage will be provided from conception to end of pregnancy for those with family incomes up to and including 312% FPL, whose mothers do not have comprehensive coverage, and reside in Alabama. A phased in approach was utilized until coverage could be provided statewide. Comprehensive

coverage will be provided to this population from the date of enrollment and will continue until the last day of the month in which the 60-day postpartum period has elapsed after the end of a pregnancy. The date of enrollment may be as early as the first day of maternity-related service provision even if the application is completed a few days after the service is received. In other cases, coverage will begin on the date the application is received. Prenatal care, labor and delivery and limited postpartum care are paid using a bundled payment. In addition to the bundled payment, the state will provide comprehensive coverage during the postpartum period through ALL Babies HSI Initiative. For example, if a woman gives birth on June 26, benefits covered in the bundled package or postpartum HSI would end on August 31.

Eligibility and Coverage During Incarceration

See CS31.



CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: AL - 25 - 0034

Incarcerated CHIP Beneficiaries

CS31

2102(d) and 2110(b)(7) of the SSA

Targeted Low-Income Children Who Become Incarcerated

- ☐ The state assures that it does not terminate eligibility for children enrolled in a separate CHIP because the child is an inmate of a public institution.

States may either suspend CHIP coverage or continue to provide CHIP state plan (or waiver of such plan) services otherwise not covered by the carceral facility to children who are incarcerated. States that elect to suspend CHIP coverage for the duration of a child's incarceration may implement a benefits or eligibility suspension.

The state elects to suspend CHIP coverage for the duration of a child's incarceration

If yes, then check an option below:

- ☐ Benefits suspension
- ☐ Eligibility suspension
- ☐ The state assures that it redetermines eligibility for any child prior to their release if it has been longer than 12 months since the child's last redetermination and restores coverage for child health assistance to eligible children upon their release.
- Within the 30 days prior to release (or within one week of release, or as soon as practicable after release), the state assures that it
- ☐ provides eligible children with any screenings, diagnostic services, or case management services that would otherwise be available to children under the CHIP state plan (or waiver of such plan).

Additional information regarding implementation of mandatory provisions of section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023), including providing screenings, diagnostic services, or case management services:

In Alabama, most children entering carceral facilities are placed in the custody of the Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS), which consists of state-owned facilities and contracted community-based program facilities. Prior to the passage of the CAA 2023 and the mandatory provisions of Section 5121, the Alabama Medicaid Agency was approved to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility to children entering DYS- 

Under section 5122 of the CAA, 2023, states may consider otherwise eligible children who are inmates pending disposition of charges as eligible for CHIP and provide all services covered under the CHIP state plan.

- ☐ The state elects to provide all CHIP state plan benefits (or waiver of such plan) to eligible children who are inmates pending disposition of charges.

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CHIP Eligibility

Children Determined Eligible for CHIP While Incarcerated

Generally, children who apply for CHIP when they are in a carceral facility are not eligible because of the eligibility exclusion for inmates of a public institution under section 2110(b) of the Act. However, section 2110(b)(7) of the Act provides an exception to this eligibility exclusion for children who are within 30 days prior to their release.

- ☐ The state assures that they will process any application submitted on behalf of a child and make an eligibility determination for child health assistance upon their release from the institution.
- ☐ Children who apply and are found eligible within 30 days prior to their release will be provided screening and diagnostic services, and case management services that are otherwise available under the CHIP state plan (or waiver of such plan).

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