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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: CO-13-0018

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The complete title XXI state plan for Colorado 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.

 $\label{link-to-state} \begin{tabular}{ll} Link to state title XXI state plans and amendments: $$ \underline{http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html $$ \underline{http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information.html}$$$

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Children and Adults Health Program Group

Mr. William Heller Director, Child Health Plan *Plus* Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818

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Dear Mr. Heller:

I am pleased to inform you that Colorado's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), CO-13-0018, submitted on August 30, 2013, has been approved. This SPA incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements, including the single streamlined application, into Colorado's CHIP State Plan in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The approval of SPA CO-13-0018 includes full approval of your state's alternative single streamlined application used to apply for multiple human service programs. Until April 30, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined paper application. Until October 1, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined online application. The state will implement revised applications that will address CMS concerns outlined in the companion letter issued with this SPA approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the new state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Colorado's approved CHIP state plan:

- o CS24
- Attachment 1- Statement of use with respect to the alternative single streamlined online application
- Attachment 2- Statement of use with respect to the alternative single streamlined paper application
- o Attachment 3- Multibenefit Application

This approval and the attachments supercede the following sections of the current CHIP State Plan:

Section 4.3: Single, Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process

Section 4.4: Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this State Plan Amendment. 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:

Mr. Richard Allen Denver Regional Office Colorado State Bank Building 1600 Broadway, Suite# 700 Denver, Colorado 80202-4967

If you have additional questions, please contact Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

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

Sincerely,

Eliot Fishman
Director

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

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Dear Mr. Heller:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of Colorado's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), CO-13-0018, submitted on August 30, 2013. Our review of this submission included a review of both the paper and online alternative single streamlined applications and the application used to apply for multiple human service programs developed by the state. Since the state's application materials are the same for both Medicaid and CHIP, this letter is identical to the Medicaid companion letter.

Until April 30, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined paper application. In addition, until October 1, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined online application. The interim applications must be revised to reflect the following changes.

Necessary changes:	Date by which changes will be completed:
Paper application: Co-branded Application for Health Coverage	and Help Paying Costs:
Question #7—Removal of the question of individual shared responsibility exemption.	April 30, 2014

Online application:	
 If the applicant has not indicated that he or she is aged or blind or disabled, the following questions will not appear on applications for health coverage only. Questions regarding bills, such as child care and child support Questions related to non-MAGI income types, such as inkind income, veterans benefits and SSI 	February 28, 2014
 The following question will not appear for household members not seeking any benefits. The non-MAGI screening questions related to disability, blindness and long term care need. This function will be made dynamic. 	April 30, 2014
The following questions will not appear for household members not seeking any benefits. Residency information All citizenship and immigration questions	February 28, 2014
Applicants will have the opportunity to identify themselves as American Indians and Alaska Natives for purposes of cost-sharing protections, and identify American Indian and Alaska Native income not countable for Medicaid and CHIP income determinations.	June 30, 2014
School attendance questions will only appear when necessary for	February 28, 2014

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Medicaid eligibility determinations.	
The state will integrate questions for Medicaid, CHIP and APTC into a single application.	October 1, 2014

Please submit the revised alternative single streamlined paper application to CMS for review no later than April 1, 2014 to ensure approval by April 30, 2014. Also, please submit a revised alternative single streamlined online application to CMS for review no later than September 1, 2014, to ensure approval by October 1, 2014. We continue to be available to provide technical assistance. 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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We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.



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

Enclosures

logged in as TONIABROWN(CMS CO Staff) read only mode application rev p01 Children's Health Insurance **Program Eligibility** Home Finder Save Validate Print Help CO.0267.R00.00 - Jan 01, 2014 Logout Control Panel Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary **General Information** Page **File Management** State/Territory name: Colorado **Transmittal Number: Tribal Input** 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 Summary digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered. CO-13-0018 Type of SPA: MAGI Eligibility & Methods XXI Medicaid Expansion ■ Establish 2101(f) Group Non-Financial Eligibility **Proposed Effective Date** 01/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy) Federal Statute/Regulation Citation 2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA; 42 CFR 457 Subpart C **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:331 Defines Colorado's CHIP eligibility processes, including request for Secretary approval of alternative single, streamlined application (both paper and online), an alternative multi-benefit application, and a supplemental form to gather tax-filer information for individuals who recently completed a pre-MAGI **Signature of State Agency Official** Submitted By: Barbara Prehmus Jan 16, 2014 Last Revision Date: Submit Date: Aug 30, 2013



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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014 Separate Child Health Insurance Program CS24 General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing 2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457, subpart C The CHIP Agency meets all of the requirements of 42 CFR 457, subpart C for application processing, eligibility screening and enrollment. **Application Processing** Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard: The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act. An alternative single, streamlined application developed by the state and approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act. An attachment is submitted. An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs. An attachment is submitted. The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in CFR 457.340(a), by telephone, via mail, in person and other commonly available electronic means. The agency accepts applications in the following other electronic means. Other electronic means: Screen and Enroll Process The CHIP Agency has coordinated eligibility and enrollment screening procedures in place that are applied at time of initial application, periodic redeterminations, and follow-up eligibility determinations. The procedures ensure that only targeted lowincome children are provided CHIP coverage and that enrollment is facilitated for applicants found to be potentially eligible for other insurance affordability programs. Procedures include: Screening of application to identify all individuals eligible or potentially eligible for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs; and Income eligibility test, with calculation of household income consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 for individuals identified as potentially eligible for Medicaid or other insurance affordability programs based on household income; and



CHIP Eligibility

		Screening process for individuals who may qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than having household income at or below the applicable MAGI standard, based on information in the single streamlined application.
		e CHIP agency has entered into an arrangement with the Exchange to make eligibility determinations for advanced mium tax credits in accordance with section 1943(b)(2) of the SSA.
Rec	leter	mination Processing
	V	Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 457.343:
		Once every 12 months.
		Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency.
		If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.
Scr	een i	ng by Other Insurance Affordability Programs
	7	The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has adopted procedures to accept and process electronic accounts of individuals screened as potentially eligible for CHIP by other insurance affordability programs in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 457.348(b) and to determine eligibility in accordance with 42 CFR 457.340 in the same manner as if the application had been submitted directly to, and processed by the state.
		The CHIP Agency elects the option to accept CHIP eligibility decisions made by the Exchange or other agencies administering insurance affordability programs as provided in 42 CFR 457.348 and to furnish CHIP in accordance with requirements of 42 CFR 457.340 to the same extent and in the same manner as if the applicant had been determined by the state to be eligible for CHIP.
		Check all types of agencies that apply:
		☐ The Exchange
		Medicaid Medicaid
		Other agency administering insurance affordability programs
V		CHIP Agency has entered into an agreement with agencies administering other insurance affordability programs to fulfill the airements of 457.348(b) and will provide this agreement to the Secretary upon request.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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Approval Date:

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☑Paper Applicatio	on Online Application
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CO-13-0018	Colorado

Through April 30, 2014, the state is using an interim paper alternative single streamlined application. After April 30, 2014, the state will use a revised paper alternative single streamlined application. The revised application will address the issues outlined in the CMS letter, which was issued with the approval of this state plan amendment, concerning the state's application. The revised application will be incorporated by reference into the state plan.

Application for Public Assistance
State of Colorado Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing and Human Services

Please check the programs you want:

Food	assistance is denied, you may ask for an informal hearing.										
	Colorado Works – For households with a child or a pregnant mother. Provides a cash benefit to families in need. With a few exceptions, parents must participate in work activities. You will be required to work with or receive Child Support Services.										
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What I Should Know

PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By completing and signing the State of Colorado Application for Public Assistance and other documents required to determine whether I'm eligible for public assistance benefits AND by accepting benefits that I am eligible to receive, I understand the following information and agree to the following requirements:

I must tell the truth; it is a crime to lie on this application.

I may have to give papers that show what I've told you is true.

I may have to tell you of any changes to the information I gave you on my application.

If I think you made a mistake, I can ask for an appeal or fair hearing.

The department will not discriminate.

The department will confirm citizenship and immigration status for everyone applying for benefits.

The department will tell you if your benefits change.

The department will take back any benefits you should not have received.

- 1. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is the state agency responsible for Medical Assistance Programs in Colorado. The Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for the other public assistance programs. The County Departments of Human/Social Services and Medical Assistance Sites are the agencies that receive and process applications for all public assistance programs. In this statement, the term "department" is used to refer to all agencies.
- I must give the department all needed proof and documents before qualifying for benefits.
- **3.** The information I give on the application and in the application interview is confidential. But, the department can use or share the information with other program(s) that any of my family members are getting or are applying for. The information can only be used for purposes of treatment, payment, determining eligibility, and other program and administrative operations, or other purposes permitted by law for my family members or me.
- 4. It is a crime to lie on the application or to take benefits that I know that my family and I are not eligible to receive and I may be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing false information. Giving false information may be punished by a fine of up to \$250,000 or a jail term of up to 20 years, or both.
- 5. A person found to have intentionally given false information cannot get food assistance and/or Colorado Works/TANF for 12 months for the first offense, 24 months for the second offense, and permanently for the third offense. A court can also stop a person from getting food assistance for another eighteen months. This crime is subject to prosecution under other state and federal laws. Receiving duplicate benefits of food assistance by lying about identity or residence will result in a 10 year disqualification for the first and second offense and a permanent disqualification for the third offense.
- The department will notify me in writing of how and when to tell the department of any changes.
- 7. If I do not tell the truth on my application or if information is left off of the application, or if I do not report changes to the department, as required, I may lose my assistance, and I may have to pay the department for the assistance received when I was not eligible. If I have to pay back money to the department, I understand that state or federal salaries, rebates, or tax refunds that would be received by me or another person on this application may be taken.
- 8. The law says the department must check the immigration status and citizenship for anyone who is applying. They will not check immigration status of family members who are not applying for benefits. I may be requested to give proof of non-citizen registration documentation received from the United States Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS) for every non-citizen member in my house who is applying for benefits. The department will confirm information with USCIS and any information received from USCIS may affect my eligibility and benefits. Federal law (Public Law 97-98) requires me to give the department the Social Security number and/or alien registration number of all persons who are applying for public assistance. I must also provide the Social Security number and/or alien registration number for all sponsors. For adult financial programs, sponsor

- information will be confirmed with USCIS and the information received from USCIS may affect sponsor repayment for my eligibility and benefits. My sponsor and I may be responsible for reimbursing the state for benefits that I receive.
- 9. I do not have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for assistance. Please do not let the fear about immigration status stop you from seeking benefits for your family.
- 10. If I am a resident of an institution and jointly applying for SSI and food assistance prior to leaving the institution, the filing date of the application is my date of release from the institution. Processing time will begin from the date the application is received in the food assistance office.
- 11. Privacy Act Information: The department is authorized to collect information on the application, including Social Security numbers and will confirm information that may affect initial or ongoing eligibility and payments for all persons listed on my application. I am allowing the department to use Social Security numbers and other information from my application to request and receive information or records to confirm the information in my application. Food assistance will be denied to individuals that do not provide a Social Security number, and Social Security numbers will be used and disclosed in the same manner for both eligible and ineligible members. I release the department from all liability for sharing this information with other agencies for this purpose. For example, the department may get and share information with any of the following agencies: Social Security Administration; Internal Revenue Service; United States Customs and Immigration Services; Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Financial institutions (banks, savings and loans, credit unions, insurance companies, landlords, leasing agents, etc.); child support enforcement agencies; employers; courts; and other federal or state agencies; and for food assistance, law enforcement officials for the purposes of apprehending persons fleeing to avoid the law.
 - If a food assistance over-payment occurs against my household, the information on this application, including all Social Security numbers, may be referred to Federal and State agencies, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims collection action.
- 12. The EBT (or Quest) card is used to pay me most of my public assistance benefits. I cannot trade or sell EBT cards. I cannot use or have in my possession EBT cards that are not mine. Unless I have an authorized representative, I cannot let someone else use my EBT card. I can only let my authorized representative use my EBT card.
- 13. For food assistance, I can name someone to be my representative. I must do this in writing. The person I designate to be my authorized representative may help me apply for assistance, get my benefits, and use my benefits to buy food for me. I may name one person to help me with each separate task or I may name one person to help me with all of these tasks.
- 14. If I think the department made a mistake, I can ask for a Fair Hearing. The department will tell me in writing how to make an appeal. I can ask for a Fair Hearing either verbally or in writing. My case may be presented by a member of my household or my representative, such as legal counsel, friend, or relative. I may request an appeal for any action on any program except for the CHP+ program.

15. If I think the CHP+ program made a mistake, I can ask for an appeal. CHP+ tells me about how to make an appeal in writing.

16. Colorado Works is Colorado's TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program. It is not an entitlement program and benefits are not guaranteed. Each county has the authority to determine eligibility requirements and benefit levels. To remain eligible, I may be required to complete an assessment and develop a plan. Unless exempted, I will be required to participate in work readiness

17. As an applicant for Colorado Works, I am required to assign all rights to child support that may be received on my behalf or for those in my household that I am applying for. This assignment starts when I am determined eligible and will continue until my Colorado Works benefits end. If I do not do this or refuse to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement at the time I apply or while receiving cash assistance through Colorado Works, without good cause, I will not receive assistance or a basic cash assistance grant for my family.

18. If I am an adult between the ages of 18 and 49, with no children under the age of 18 in my food assistance house, I will only be able to get food assistance benefits for three months during the next three years unless: I work in a job 80 hours each month and report that information to Employment First; or I work my assigned hours at my Employment First office, including *Workfare* or the Employment First work program; or I am determined to be physically or mentally unable to work; or the food assistance office tells me that I am exempt. As long as I do one of these activities each month, I will be able to receive food assistance benefits if I am otherwise eligible.

19. I understand and agree that to receive food assistance, certain members of the household need to register for work. This means that certain members of the household must: A) Report to the Employment First (work program) when the food assistance office schedules you for an appointment. B) Comply with the instructions the Employment First (work program) gives you including reporting for all scheduled appointments and following through on the written agreements you sign. C) Provide information to the food assistance office or the Employment First (work program) about any jobs you get while you are on food assistance. D) Tell the food assistance office or the Employment First (work program) if you are not able to work - you will be asked to provide verification; work any workfare hours you are assigned; go to job interviews arranged for you. Anyone who does not follow the work requirements may be disqualified from receiving food assistance. 20. I must cooperate fully with state and federal staff if my case is reviewed. My information on this application may be reviewed and confirmed by the department, or its representatives. My house will not be eligible for food assistance if I refuse to cooperate with any review of my case, including a quality control review.

21. I cannot use food assistance benefits to buy nonfood items, such as alcohol or cigarettes. I can be disqualified for using food assistance to pay for items purchased on credit. A person found guilty of using food assistance benefits to illegally purchase or receive controlled substances shall be disqualified for two years for a first offense and permanently for a second offense. Individuals found by a Federal, State, or local court to have used or received benefits in a transaction involving the sale of firearms, ammunition, or explosives shall be permanently ineligible to receive food assistance upon the first occasion of such violation.

22. Trafficking food assistance means knowingly transferring benefits to another person who does not use or does not intend to use them for the benefit of the household to whom the benefits were issued. The buying, selling, or transferring of food assistance benefits or Electronic Benefit Transfer Card for cash or consideration other than eligible food shall be considered trafficking. A person who traffics in food assistance benefits shall include any person who knowingly acquires, accepts, uses, or transfers to another for consideration, food assistance benefits not issued to him or her or to a household of which he or she is a member or for which he or she is an authorized representative. An individual convicted by a Federal, State, or local court of having trafficked benefits for an aggregate amount of \$500 or more

shall be permanently ineligible to receive food assistance upon the first occasion of such violation.

23. If I do not report and provide proof of rent, mortgage, housing fees, property insurance, property taxes, court ordered child support payments, child or adult care, and medical expenses paid by people in my household who are elderly or who have a disability, I am stating that I do not want that specific deduction used to determine my food assistance benefit amount.

24. I can ask for food assistance apart from asking for benefits from other programs. My eligibility for food assistance will be determined apart from any other programs. The food assistance office shall process all food assistance applications in accordance with food assistance timeliness, noticing, and fair hearing requirements, even if I am applying for other programs.

25. Colorado residents who have a qualifying disability, such as persons receiving SSI or SSDI benefits, or residents who are at least 65 years of age (or a surviving spouse age 58 or older) might also qualify for a Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate from the Department of Revenue. Visit www.TaxColorado.com and click on the PTC button at the top of the page or call 303-238-7378 for details.

Domestic violence information and services are available to me. If I ever feel I am in immediate danger I should call 911. If I would like to receive information regarding safety and services in Colorado, I will call the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 303-831-9632 or toll free at 1-888-778-7091. I may also find the location of services near me by going to www.colorado.gov/cdhs/dvp. The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224 or ndvh.org can also provide information. If I am a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) can provide me with a legal substitute address to use instead of my real address for use with state and local government agencies. I can find out more about ACP at acp.colorado.gov. If I need or receive either of these services, I should tell my department worker because it will allow him or her to provide better service and assistance to me.

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