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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

April 14, 2021

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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), CO-21-0033, submitted on April 2, 2021, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of March 1, 2020, as permitted under section 1135 of the Social Security Act (the Act).

This amendment, as it applies to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), makes the following changes effective March 1, 2020 through the duration of the federally-declared PHE, or at state discretion, a shorter period of time:

- Allows the state to conduct tribal consultation after the effective date of this SPA, as permitted under section 1135 of the Act; and,
- Waives the collection of enrollment fees at the time of redetermination for existing CHIP beneficiaries.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Joyce Jordan. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-1536.

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

Sincerely,

/signed Amy Lutzky/

Amy Lutzky
Deputy Director

cc: Courtney Miller, Director, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
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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.

Date Amendment #33 Submitted:	04/01/2021
Date Amendment #33 Approved:	XXXXXX
Date Amendment #33 Effective:	03/01/2020

Effective 03/01/2020, Colorado added provisions to implement temporary adjustments to policies related to the state plan amendment effective date and enrollment fees during the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency.

To address the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency, the State seeks a waiver under section 1135 of the Act to submit a state plan amendment that took effect in the prior state fiscal year.

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.

The State included consultation on this SPA in the tribal consultation log dated 03/02/2021. A copy of the relevant page of the consultation log is attached.

To address the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency, the State seeks a waiver under section 1135 of the Act to modify the tribal consultation process by conducting consultation after the effective date of the SPA.

8.2. Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge by age and income (if applicable) and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) &(c), 457.515(a)&(c))

8.2.1. Premiums

During the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency, the State will waive collection of enrollment fees at the time of redetermination for existing CHIP beneficiaries. Enrollment fees will still be assessed and collected for new CHIP beneficiaries prior to enrollment.