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RE: Delaware Evergreen Disaster Relief CHIP SPA – Unwinding Extension Request (REV.7)

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Delaware Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) requests to extend its approved, currently active, Evergreen Disaster Relief CHIP SPA flexibilities through the COVID-19 PHE unwinding period as specified below.

The provisions below were implemented on March 1, 2020.

- Section 4.1.9.2 - Continuous Eligibility. Effective through June 30, 2024, Delaware will provide continuous eligibility to CHIP enrollees who might otherwise have coverage terminated after a change in circumstances by waiving the following exceptions of the continuous eligibility period to align with Medicaid requirements for beneficiaries who reside in Delaware: There is a failure to pay required premiums or enrollment fees on behalf of a child, as provided for in the state plan. Effective July 1, 2024, the state will resume the standard, approved state plan policies related to non-payment of premiums as an exception to continuous eligibility for CHIP enrollees.
- Section 8 – Cost Sharing and Premiums
  - 8.2.1 - Effective April 1, 2023, Delaware will waive all premiums for all CHIP enrollees through the state's COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, scheduled to end June 30, 2024. Additionally, the state will waive any unpaid balances for all CHIP enrollees. Effective July 1, 2024, the state will resume the standard, approved state plan policies related to premium collection and disenrollment for failure to pay premiums.
  - 8.7 - The state will not disenroll beneficiaries for failure to pay premiums. Additionally, the state will waive any unpaid premium balances. Effective July 1, 2024, the state will resume the standard, approved state plan policies related to premium collection and disenrollment for failure to pay premiums.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Xavier at 302-255-9576 or by e-mail at [Kimberly.Xavier@Delaware.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Xavier@Delaware.gov).

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Sincerely,

/Signed by Theodore Mermigos/

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