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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

July 16, 2024

Andrew Wilson, Director
Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance
Josette D. Manning Esq., Secretary
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Dear Director Andrew Wilson:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number DE-24-0004, submitted on June 28, 2024, has been approved. Through this SPA, Delaware has demonstrated compliance with the longstanding requirement in regulations at 42 CFR § 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) to cover age-appropriate vaccines. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Current regulations at 42 CFR §§ 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) require states to cover age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) without cost-sharing. The state provided the necessary assurance to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

Your Project Officer is Ticia Jones. She is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. 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 by Sarah deLone/

Sarah deLone
Director

State/Territory: DELAWARE
(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))

Thomas R. Carper, Governor June 30, 1998
(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. Janneen Boyce

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

Name: Andrew Wilson Position/Title: Director

Name: Janneen Boyce Position/Title: Deputy Director

Name: Unkyong Goldie Position/Title: Chief of Administration

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CHIP Vaccines

- 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: [October 1, 1998](#)

Implementation Date: [February 1, 1999](#)

Subsequent Plan Amendments

| State Plan Amendment | Effective Date | Implementation Date |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SPA #1 | July 1, 1999 | |
| SPA #2 | October 1, 2001 | August 1, 2001 |
| SPA #3 | June 12, 2003 | Withdrawn – June 12, 2003 |
| SPA #4 | January 1, 2007 | October 1, 2009 |
| SPA #5 | April 1, 2009 | April 1, 2009 |
| SPA #6 | July 1, 2010 | July 1, 2010 |
| SPA #7 | July 1, 2014 | July 1, 2014 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-16-001 | January 1, 2017 | January 1, 2017 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-17-003 | October 2, 2017 | October 2, 2017 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-18-003 | October 12, 2018 | October 12, 2018 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-19-004 | July 1, 2018 | July 1, 2018 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-20-0003 | March 1, 2020 | March 1, 2020 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-20-0007 | October 1, 2020 | October 1, 2020 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-22-0005 | March 11, 2021 | March 11, 2021 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-22-0012 | July 1, 2022 | July 1, 2022 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-22-0014 | July 1, 2023 | July 1, 2023 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-20-0004 | October 24, 2019 | October 24, 2019 |
| SPA # DE-CHIP-24-0004 | October 1, 2023 | October 1, 2023 |

Summary of Approved CHIP MAGI SPAs:

| Transmittal Number | SPA Group | PDF # | Description | Superseded Plan Section(s) |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| DE-13-0012 | MAGI Eligibility & Methods | CS7 | Eligibility – Targeted Low Income Children | Supersedes the current sections Geographic Area 4.1.1; Age 4.1.2; and Income 4.1.3 |
| Effective/ Implementation Date: January 1, 2014 | | CS15 | MAGI-Based Income | Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.3 |

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| | | | Methodologies | |
| DE-13-0013 Effective/ Implementation Date: January 1, 2014 | XXI Medicaid Expansion | CS3 | Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program | Supersedes the current Medicaid expansion section 4.0 |
| DE-13-0016 Effective/ Implementation Date: January 1, 2014 | Establish 2101(f) Group | CS14 | Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards | Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.1 |
| DE-13-0015 Effective/ Implementation Date: January 1, 2014 | Non- Financial Eligibility | CS17 | Non-Financial Eligibility – Residency | Supersedes the current section 4.1.5 |
| | | CS18 | Non-Financial Eligibility – Citizenship | Supersedes the current sections 4.1.0; 4.1.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR |
| | | CS19 | Non-Financial Eligibility – Social Security Number | Supersedes the current section 4.1.9.1 |
| | | CS20 | Non-Financial Eligibility – Substitution of Coverage | Supersedes the current section 4.4.4 |
| | | CS21 | Non-Payment of Premiums | Supersedes the current section 8.7 |
| | | CS27 | Continuous Eligibility | |
| | | | | Supersedes the current section 4.1.8 |
| DE-13-0014 | Eligibility | CS24 | Eligibility | Supersedes the current sections |

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| Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2013 | Processing | | Process | 4.3 and 4.4 |
| DE-22-0012 Effective/Implementation Date: July 1, 2022 | Non- Financial Eligibility | CS27 | Continuous Eligibility | Supersedes the current CS27 SPA MMDL template under SPA #DE- 13-0015 |

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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).

- 1.1.** 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:

Implementation Date:

SPA # [DE-24-0004](#)

Purpose of SPA: The state is assuring that it covers age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing.

Proposed effective date: October 1, 2023

Proposed implementation date: [October 1, 2023](#)

- 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.

[Delaware does not have any federally recognized Indian tribes. Any Delaware resident, including those who are American Indians or Alaska Natives, may participate in the review of amendments to state law or regulation and may offer comments on all program policies, including those relating to provision of child health assistance to American Indian or Alaskan Native children.](#)

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6.5-Vaccine coverages

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Guidance: States are required to provide coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing. States that elect to cover children under the State plan (indicated in Section 4.1) should check box 6.5.1 States that elect to cover pregnant individuals under the State plan should also check box 6.5.2. States that elect to cover the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population (previously referred to as the “unborn”) option under the State plan should also check box 6.5.3.

6.5.1- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income children. ☒ The State provides coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), without cost sharing. (Section 2103(c)(1)(D)) (42CFR 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4)).

6.5.2- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income pregnant individuals. ☐ The State provides coverage for approved adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP, and their administration, without cost sharing. (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023); (Section 2103(c)(12))

6.5.3-Vaccine coverage for from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population option. ☐ The state provides coverage for age appropriate (child or adult) vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP, without cost-sharing, to benefit the unborn child.

Section 9. Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration

9.10 Provide a 1-year projected budget (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140).

DE already has a robust CHIP benefit. Most vaccines for children are already covered under Early Periodic Screening, Testing & Detection (EPSTD) and Vaccines for Children Programs, we anticipate that there will be minimal change in utilization. Therefore there should be minimal fiscal impact - \$0 - to add language ensuring compliance with AICP recommendations.

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