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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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March 3, 2025

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Dear Director Curtiss:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number IA-24-0003, submitted on December 12, 2024 has been approved. Through this SPA, Iowa 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, 2024.

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 assurances to demonstrate compliance with requirements.

Your Project Officer is Carrie Grubert. Carrie is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. Carrie's contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Beth Hance, Acting 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 Sarah deLone/

Sarah deLone  
Director

**SPA number: IA 24-0003**

**Purpose of SPA:** The purpose of this SPA is to demonstrate compliance with the federal regulation that requires states to cover children's vaccines under current regulations at 42 CFR §§ 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4), which requires states to cover age-appropriate vaccines in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP without cost sharing.

**Proposed effective date:** October 1,2024

**Proposed implementation date:** October 1,2024

## **6.5-Vaccine Coverage**

**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