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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

March 28, 2025

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Dear Director Curtiss:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) IA-25-0021, submitted on March 20, 2025, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of April 1, 2025.

Through this SPA, Iowa provides 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage to individuals enrolled in its separate CHIP, pursuant to section 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). Section 9822 of the ARP added section 2107(e)(1)(J) to the Social Security Act (the Act), which requires states to provide continuous eligibility throughout an individual's pregnancy and 12-month postpartum period in CHIP if the state has elected this option in Medicaid.

In addition, this SPA modifies the income levels for both the separate CHIP and title XXI funded Medicaid expansion program for children from ages 0 to 1. It reduces the income level from 375 to 300 percent FPL in the Medicaid expansion program for children ages 0 to 1. It also permits the state to provide coverage for children in its separate CHIP from ages 0 to 1 from 300 to 302 percent FPL.

The Medicaid companion SPA, IA-25-0019, effectuates corresponding changes in the Medicaid state plan by reinstating postpartum coverage and revising the income standard in the same age group from 375 to 300 percent FPL.

A copy of the approved CS3, CS7, and CS27 state plan pages are attached to be incorporated into the state's approved CHIP state plan.

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Your Project Officer is Carrie Grubert. Carrie is available to answer your questions concerning these amendments 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 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



CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program

CS3

42 CFR 457.320(a)(2) and (3)

Income eligibility for children under the Medicaid Expansion is determined in accordance with the following income standards:

There should be no overlaps or gaps for the ages entered.

Age and Household Income Ranges

Add	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	Remove
Add	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	240	300	Remove
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CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Targeted Low-Income Children

CS7

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.310, 315 and 320

☒ **Targeted Low-Income Children** - Uninsured children under age 19 whose household income is within standards established by the state.

☒ The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Age

Must be under age 19.

Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide.

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?

Statewide Income Standards

Begin with lowest age range first.

Please note that the lower bound for CHIP eligibility should be the highest standard used for Medicaid poverty-level children for the same age group or groups entered here.

Add	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	Remove
Add	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="19"/>	167	302	Remove

Age ranges may overlap. If there is an overlap, provide an explanation. Include the age ranges for each income standard that has overlapping ages and the reason for having different income standards.

Special Program for Children with Disabilities

Does the state have a special program for children with disabilities?

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CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Continuous Eligibility

CS27

2107(e)(1)(K) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.342 and 435.926; 2107(e)(1)(J) and 1902(e)(16) of the SSA

Mandatory 12-Month Postpartum Continuous Eligibility in CHIP for States Electing This Option in Medicaid

At state option in Medicaid, states may elect to provide continuous eligibility for an individual's 12-month postpartum period consistent with section 1902(e)(16) of the SSA. If elected under Medicaid, states are required to provide the same continuous eligibility and extended postpartum period for pregnant individuals in its separate CHIP. A separate CHIP cannot implement this option if not also elected under the Medicaid state plan.

State elected the Medicaid option to provide continuous eligibility through the 12- month postpartum period

☒ The state assures the extended postpartum period available to pregnant targeted low-income children or targeted low-income pregnant women under section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA is provided consistent with the following provisions:

☒ Individuals who, while pregnant, were eligible and received services under the state child health plan or waiver shall remain eligible throughout the duration of the pregnancy (including any period of retroactive eligibility) and the 12-month postpartum period, beginning on the day the pregnancy ends and ending on the last day of the 12th month consistent with paragraphs (5) and (16) of section 1902(e) of the SSA

☒ Continuous eligibility is provided to targeted low-income children who are pregnant or targeted low-income pregnant women (if applicable) who are eligible for and enrolled under the state child health plan through the end of the 12-month postpartum period who would otherwise lose eligibility because of a change in circumstances, unless:

☐ The individual or representative requests voluntary disenrollment.

☐ The individual is no longer a resident of the state.

☐ The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of Agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the individual.

☐ The individual dies.

Unlike continuous eligibility for children, states providing the 12-month postpartum period may not end an individual's continuous eligibility due to becoming eligible for Medicaid.

☒ Consistent with section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA, the state assures that continuous eligibility is provided through an individual's pregnancy and 12-month postpartum period regardless of an individual becoming eligible for Medicaid.

☒ Benefits provided during the 12-month postpartum period must be the same scope of comprehensive services consistent with the benefit package elected by the state under section 2103(a) of the SSA that is available to targeted low-income children and/or targeted low-income pregnant women and may include additional benefits as described in Section 6 of the CHIP state plan.



CHIP Eligibility

Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Children

The CHIP Agency must provide that children who have been determined eligible under the state plan shall remain eligible, regardless of any changes in the family's circumstances, for a 12-month continuous eligibility period.

☒ Consistent with section 2107(e)(1)(K) of the SSA, the state assures that continuous eligibility is provided to its targeted low-income children for a duration of 12 months, regardless of any changes in circumstances, unless:

- ☐ The child attains age 19.
- ☐ The child or child's representative requests voluntary disenrollment.
- ☐ The child is no longer a resident of the state.
- ☐ The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of Agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to child or child's representative.
- ☐ The child dies.
- ☐ The child becomes eligible for Medicaid.

The state elects to provide coverage to the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy (FCEP) population (otherwise known as the "unborn").

No

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