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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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July 17, 2024

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Dear Director Osterlund:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), KS-24-0005, submitted on May 7, 2024, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Through this SPA, Kansas provides 12 months of continuous eligibility (CE) coverage to individuals enrolled in its separate CHIP, pursuant to section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023). Section 5112 of the CAA amended titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to require that states provide 12 months of CE for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid and CHIP. In Kansas, this provision applies to the targeted low-income children population. In addition, Kansas updated its premium lock-out policy to clarify that children are not disenrolled during the 12-month CE period. A copy of the approved CS21 and CS27 state plan pages are attached to be incorporated into the state's approved CHIP state plan.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Final Rule (CMS-2421-F2) published on April 2, 2024, amended 42 C.F.R. §457.570 to prohibit states from implementing premium lock-out policies in CHIP. Kansas has until June 3, 2025 to implement the necessary changes to discontinue this policy and until June 30, 2025 to submit a SPA indicating the change.

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 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



# CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 09381148

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program

CS21

### Non-Financial Eligibility - Non-Payment of Premiums

42 CFR 457.570

#### Non-Payment of Premiums

Does the state impose premiums or enrollment fees?

Can non-payment of premiums or enrollment fees result in loss of CHIP eligibility?

Does the state have a premium lock out period?

Please describe the lock-out period:

Children are not disenrolled during the 12-month CE period. Families who fail to pay premiums for two months (consecutive or non-consecutive) during the CE period are considered delinquent and shall be ineligible at the 12-month review for continued CHIP coverage through the end of the lock out period.

What is the length of the time premium lock-out period?

Select a length of time:

☐ One month

☐ Two months

☒ 90 days

☐ Other (not to exceed 90 days)

Are there exceptions to the required lock-out period?

☐ Individual's income decreased to a level where no premium is required or within Medicaid standards

☐ Other financial hardship

☒ Other

Add	Describe	Remove
Add	The child or children are in a 12-month continuous eligibility period.	Remove
Add	Family income decreased to within Medicaid standards.	Remove

☒ The state assures that:

It does not require the collection of past due premiums or enrollment fees as a condition of eligibility for enrollment once the lock-out period has expired; and

It provides enrollees with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program in accordance with section 457.1130(a)(3); and



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The child will be reenrolled in CHIP during the lock-out period upon payment of past due premiums or enrollment fees.

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# CHIP Eligibility

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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.



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## 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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