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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

October 3, 2022

Gabrielle Armenia
Director, Division of Coverage and Enrollment
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State of New York Department of Health
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237-0004

Dear Ms. Armenia:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment NY-22-0033-CHIP submitted on September 15, 2022, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2022.

Through this SPA, New York eliminates the nine-dollar family premium contribution for children in households with income under 222 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Your title XXI project officer is Shakia Singleton. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have any 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

TEMPLATE FOR CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: New York
(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)) /s/ Gabrielle Armenia, September 15, 2022 (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.

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

Name: Gabrielle Armenia — Position/Title: CHIP Director
Director, Bureau of Child Health Plus and Marketplace Consumer Assistance, Office of Health Insurance Programs

Name: Lisa Sbrana — Position/Title: Director, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration, Office of Health Insurance Programs

Disclosure Statement This information is being collected to pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1397aa, which requires states to submit a State Child Health Plan in order to receive federal funding. This mandatory information collection will be used to demonstrate compliance with all requirements of title XXI of the Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR part 457. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148 (CMS-10398 #34). Public burden for all of the collection of information requirements under this control number is estimated to average 80 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-

05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Introduction: Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), public law 1005-33 amended the Social Security Act (the Act) by adding a new title XXI, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In February 2009, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) renewed the program. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, further modified the program. The HEALTHY KIDS Act and The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 together resulted in an extension of funding for CHIP through federal fiscal year 2027.

This template outlines the information that must be included in the state plans and the State plan amendments (SPAs). It reflects the regulatory requirements at 42 CFR Part 457 as well as the previously approved SPA templates that accompanied guidance issued to States through State Health Official (SHO) letters. Where applicable, we indicate the SHO number and the date it was issued for your reference. The CHIP SPA template includes the following changes:

- Combined the instruction document with the CHIP SPA template to have a single document. Any modifications to previous instructions are for clarification only and do not reflect new policy guidance.
- Incorporated the previously issued guidance and templates (see the Key following the template for information on the newly added templates), including:
  - Prenatal care and associated health care services (SHO #02-004, issued November 12, 2002)
  - Coverage of pregnant women (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009)
  - Tribal consultation requirements (ARRA #2, CHIPRA #3, issued May 28, 2009)
  - Dental and supplemental dental benefits (CHIPRA # 7, SHO # #09-012, issued October 7, 2009)
  - Premium assistance (CHIPRA # 13, SHO # 10-002, issued February 2, 2010)
  - Express lane eligibility (CHIPRA # 14, SHO # 10-003, issued February 4, 2010)
  - Lawfully Residing requirements (CHIPRA # 17, SHO # 10-006, issued July 1, 2010)
- Moved sections 2.2 and 2.3 into section 5 to eliminate redundancies between sections 2 and 5.
- Removed crowd-out language that had been added by the August 17 letter that later was repealed.
- Added new provisions related to delivery methods, including managed care, to section 3 (81 FR 27498, issued May 6, 2016)

States are not required to resubmit existing State plans using this current updated template. However, States must use this updated template when submitting a new State Plan Amendment.

Federal Requirements for Submission and Review of a Proposed SPA. (42 CFR Part 457 Subpart A) In order to be eligible for payment under this statute, each State must submit a Title XXI plan for approval by the Secretary that details how the State intends to use the funds and fulfill other requirements under the law and regulations at 42 CFR Part 457. A SPA is approved in 90 days unless the Secretary notifies the State in writing that the plan is disapproved or that specified additional information is needed. Unlike Medicaid SPAs, there is only one 90 day review period, or clock for CHIP

SPAs, that may be stopped by a request for additional information and restarted after a complete response is received. More information on the SPA review process is found at 42 CFR 457 Subpart A.

When submitting a State plan amendment, states should redline the changes that are being made to the existing State plan and provide a "clean" copy including changes that are being made to the existing state plan.

The template includes the following sections:

1. **General Description and Purpose of the Children's Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements**- This section should describe how the State has designed their program. It also is the place in the template that a State updates to insert a short description and the proposed effective date of the SPA, and the proposed implementation date(s) if different from the effective date. (Section 2101); (42 CFR, 457.70)
2. **General Background and Description of State Approach to Child Health Coverage and Coordination**- This section should provide general information related to the special characteristics of each state's program. The information should include the extent and manner to which children in the State currently have creditable health coverage, current State efforts to provide or obtain creditable health coverage for uninsured children and how the plan is designed to be coordinated with current health insurance, public health efforts, or other enrollment initiatives. This information provides a health insurance baseline in terms of the status of the children in a given State and the State programs currently in place. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
3. **Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls**- This section requires the State to specify its proposed method of delivery. If the State proposes to use managed care, the State must describe and attest to certain requirements of a managed care delivery system, including contracting standards; enrollee enrollment processes; enrollee notification and grievance processes; and plans for enrolling providers, among others. (Section 2103); (42 CFR Part 457. Subpart L)
4. **Eligibility Standards and Methodology-** The plan must include a description of the standards used to determine the eligibility of targeted low-income children for child health assistance under the plan. This section includes a list of potential eligibility standards the State can check off and provide a short description of how those standards will be applied. All eligibility standards must be consistent with the provisions of Title XXI and may not discriminate on the basis of diagnosis. In addition, if the standards vary within the state, the State should describe how they will be applied and under what circumstances they will be applied. In addition, this section provides information on income eligibility for Medicaid expansion programs (which are exempt from Section 4 of the State plan template) if applicable. (Section 2102(b)); (42 CFR 457.305 and 457.320)
5. **Outreach-** This section is designed for the State to fully explain its outreach activities. Outreach is defined in law as outreach to families of children likely to be eligible for child health assistance under the plan or under other public or private health coverage programs. The purpose is to inform these families of the availability of, and to assist them in enrolling their children in, such a program. (Section 2102(c)(1)); (42 CFR 457.90)

6. **Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance**- Regarding the required scope of health insurance coverage in a State plan, the child health assistance provided must consist of any of the four types of coverage outlined in Section 2103(a) (specifically, benchmark coverage; benchmark-equivalent coverage; existing comprehensive state-based coverage; and/or Secretary-approved coverage). In this section States identify the scope of coverage and benefits offered under the plan including the categories under which that coverage is offered. The amount, scope, and duration of each offered service should be fully explained, as well as any corresponding limitations or exclusions. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
7. **Quality and Appropriateness of Care**- This section includes a description of the methods (including monitoring) to be used to assure the quality and appropriateness of care and to assure access to covered services. A variety of methods are available for State's use in monitoring and evaluating the quality and appropriateness of care in its child health assistance program. The section lists some of the methods which states may consider using. In addition to methods, there are a variety of tools available for State adaptation and use with this program. The section lists some of these tools. States also have the option to choose who will conduct these activities. As an alternative to using staff of the State agency administering the program, states have the option to contract out with other organizations for this quality of care function. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.495)
8. **Cost Sharing and Payment-** This section addresses the requirement of a State child health plan to include a description of its proposed cost sharing for enrollees. Cost sharing is the amount (if any) of premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and other cost sharing imposed. The cost-sharing requirements provide protection for lower income children, ban cost sharing for preventive services, address the limitations on premiums and cost-sharing and address the treatment of pre-existing medical conditions. (Section 2103(e)); (42 CFR 457, Subpart E)
9. **Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration**- The section addresses the strategic objectives, the performance goals, and the performance measures the State has established for providing child health assistance to targeted low income children under the plan for maximizing health benefits coverage for other low income children and children generally in the state. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.710)
10. **Annual Reports and Evaluations**- Section 2108(a) requires the State to assess the operation of the Children's Health Insurance Program plan and submit to the Secretary an annual report which includes the progress made in reducing the number of uninsured low income children. The report is due by January 1, following the end of the Federal fiscal year and should cover that Federal Fiscal Year. In this section, states are asked to assure that they will comply with these requirements, indicated by checking the box. (Section 2108); (42 CFR 457.750)
11. **Program Integrity**- In this section, the State assures that services are provided in an effective and efficient manner through free and open competition or through basing rates on other public and private rates that are actuarially sound. (Sections 2101(a) and 2107(e); (42 CFR 457, subpart I)
12. **Applicant and Enrollee Protections**- This section addresses the review process for eligibility and enrollment matters, health services matters (i.e., grievances), and for states that use premium assistance a description of how it will assure that applicants and enrollees are given the

opportunity at initial enrollment and at each redetermination of eligibility to obtain health benefits coverage other than through that group health plan. (Section 2101(a)); (42 CFR 457.1120)

Program Options. As mentioned above, the law allows States to expand coverage for children through a separate child health insurance program, through a Medicaid expansion program, or through a combination of these programs. These options are described further below:

- **Option to Create a Separate Program-** States may elect to establish a separate child health program that are in compliance with title XXI and applicable rules. These states must establish enrollment systems that are coordinated with Medicaid and other sources of health coverage for children and also must screen children during the application process to determine if they are eligible for Medicaid and, if they are, enroll these children promptly in Medicaid.
- **Option to Expand Medicaid-** States may elect to expand coverage through Medicaid. This option for states would be available for children who do not qualify for Medicaid under State rules in effect as of March 31, 1997. Under this option, current Medicaid rules would apply.

  Medicaid Expansion- CHIP SPA Requirements
  In order to expedite the SPA process, states choosing to expand coverage only through an expansion of Medicaid eligibility would be required to complete sections:
  - 1 (General Description)
  - 2 (General Background)

  They will also be required to complete the appropriate program sections, including:
  - 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
  - 5 (Outreach)
  - 9 (Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration including the budget)
  - 10 (Annual Reports and Evaluations).

  Medicaid Expansion- Medicaid SPA Requirements
  States expanding through Medicaid-only will also be required to submit a Medicaid State plan amendment to modify their Title XIX State plans. These states may complete the first check-off and indicate that the description of the requirements for these sections are incorporated by reference through their State Medicaid plans for sections:
  - 3 (Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls)
  - 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
  - 6 (Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance)
  - 7 (Quality and Appropriateness of Care)
  - 8 (Cost Sharing and Payment)
  - 11 (Program Integrity)
  - 12 (Applicant and Enrollee Protections)

- **Combination of Options-** CHIP allows states to elect to use a combination of the Medicaid program and a separate child health program to increase health coverage for children. For example, a State may cover optional targeted-low income children in families with incomes of up to 133 percent of poverty through Medicaid and a targeted group of children above that level through a separate child health program. For the children the State chooses to cover under an expansion of Medicaid, the description provided under "Option to Expand Medicaid" would apply. Similarly, for children the State chooses to cover under a separate program, the provisions outlined above in "Option to Create a Separate Program" would apply. States wishing to use a combination of approaches will be required to complete the Title XXI State plan and the necessary State plan amendment under Title XIX.

Where the state's assurance is requested in this document for compliance with a particular requirement of 42 CFR 457 et seq., the state shall place a check mark to affirm that it will be in compliance no later than the applicable compliance date.

Proposed State plan amendments should be submitted electronically and one signed hard copy to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at the following address:

Name of Project Officer
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Blvd
Baltimore, Maryland 21244
Attn: Children and Adults Health Programs Group
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Mail Stop - S2-01-16

Section 1. **General Description and Purpose of the Children's Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements**

1.1. The state will use funds provided under Title XXI primarily for (Check appropriate box) (Section 2101)(a)(1)); (42 CFR 457.70):

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through the development of a separate program that meets the requirements of Section 2101, which details coverage requirements and the other applicable requirements of Title XXI.

1.1.1. ☐ Obtaining coverage that meets the requirements for a separate child health program (Sections 2101(a)(1) and 2103); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through providing expanded eligibility under the State's Medicaid program (Title XIX). Note that if this is selected the State must also submit a corresponding Medicaid SPA to CMS for review and approval.

1.1.2. ☐ Providing expanded benefits under the State's Medicaid plan (Title XIX) (Section 2101(a)(2)); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided through a combination of both 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. (Coverage that meets the requirements of Title XXI, in conjunction with an expansion in the State's Medicaid program). Note that if this is selected the state must also submit a corresponding Medicaid state plan amendment to CMS for review and approval.

1.1.3. ☒ A combination of both of the above. (Section 2101(a)(2))

1.1-DS ☐ The State will provide dental-only supplemental coverage. Only States operating a separate CHIP program are eligible for this option. States choosing this option must also complete sections 4.1-DS, 4.2-DS, 6.2-DS, 8.2-DS, and 9.10 of this SPA template. (Section 2110(b)(5))

1.2. ☒ Check to provide an assurance that expenditures for child health assistance will not be claimed prior to the time that the State has legislative authority to operate the State plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS. (42 CFR 457.40(d))

1.3. ☒ Check to provide an assurance that the State complies with all applicable civil rights requirements, including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 45 CFR part 80, part 84, and part 91, and 28 CFR part 35. (42CFR 457.130)

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).

1.4. 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 Submission
- Submission date: November 15, 1997
- Effective date: April 15, 2003
- Implementation date: April 15, 2003

SPA #1
- Submission date: March 26, 1998
- Denial: April 1, 1998
- Reconsideration: May 26, 1998(Withdrawn)

SPA #2
- Submission date: March 30, 1999
- Effective date: January 1, 1999
- Implementation date January 1, 1999

SPA #3
- Submission date: March 21, 2001
- Effective date: April 1, 2000
- Implementation date: April 1, 2000

SPA #4
- Submission date: March 27, 2002
- Effective date: April 1, 2001
- Implementation date: April 1, 2001

SPA #5 (compliance)
Submission date: March 31, 2003

SPA #6 (renewal process)
Submission date: March 22, 2004
Effective date: April 1, 2003
Implementation date: April 1, 2003

SPA #7
Submission date: March 17, 2005
Effective date: April 1, 2004 (Updates to State Plan)
April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of Medicaid Expansion Program)
Implementation date: April 1, 2004 (Updates to State Plan)
April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of Medicaid Expansion Program)

SPA #8
Submission date: March 28, 2006
Effective date: April 1, 2005
Implementation date: August 1, 2005

SPA #9
Submission date: March 28, 2007
Effective date: April 1, 2006
Implementation date: April 1, 2006

SPA # 10
Submission date: April 3, 2007
Effective date: April 1, 2007
Implementation date: April 1, 2007
-general information
Implementation date (Proposed): September 1, 2007
Implementation date (Actual): September 1, 2008
-expansion, substitution strategies
Denied: September 7, 2007
Petition for Reconsideration: October 31, 2007
Stayed March 17, 2009

SPA # 11
Submission date: May 14, 2007
Effective date: September 1, 2007
Implementation date: September 1, 2007

SPA # 12

Submission date:	March 18, 2009
Effective date:	September 1, 2008
Implementation date:	September 1, 2008

SPA # 13

Submission date:	June 30, 2009
Effective date:	April 1, 2009
Implementation date:	April 1, 2009

SPA # 14

Submission date:	July 6, 2009
Effective date:	July 1, 2009
Implementation date:	July 1, 2009

SPA # 15

Submission date:	March 29, 2010
Effective date:	April 1, 2009
Implementation date:	April 1, 2009

SPA # 16

Submission date:	March 21, 2011
Effective date:	April 1, 2010
Implementation date:	April 1, 2010

SPA # 17

Submission date:	May 20, 2011
Effective date (Enrollment Center):	June 13, 2011
Effective date (Medical Homes Initiative):	October 1, 2011
Implementation date:	June 13, 2011

SPA # 18

Submission date:	September 20, 2011
Effective date:	August 25, 2011
Implementation date:	August 25, 2011

SPA # 19

Submission date:	March 22, 2012
Effective date (Medicaid Expansion):	November 11, 2011
Implementation date:	November 11, 2011

SPA # 20

Submission date:	March 31, 2014
Effective date (autism benefit):	April 1, 2013
Effective date (other ACA changes)	January 1, 2014
Implementation date:	April 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014

SPA #21

Submission date:	March 31, 2015
Effective date:	April 1, 2014
Implementation date:	April 1, 2014

SPA #NY-16-0022- C-A

Submission date:	March 28, 2016
Effective date: (HSI for Poison Control Centers and Sickle Cell Screening):	April 1, 2015
Effective date (Ostomy Supplies):	May 1, 2015
Implementation date:	April 1, 2015 and May 1, 2015

SPA #NY-16-0022- C – B

Submission date:	March 28, 2016
Effective date (HSI Medical Indemnity Fund):	April 1, 2015
Implementation date:	April 1, 2015

SPA #NY-17-0023 – C - A

Submission date:	March 31, 2017
Effective date (HSI Opioid Drug Addiction and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program for Schools, Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)	April 1, 2016
Effective date (Coverage for Newborns):	January 1, 2017
Implementation date:	April 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017

SPA #NY - 19-0024

Submission date:	March 27, 2019
Effective date (Transition of Children to NY State of Health):	
Effective Date (Allowing Children to Recertify on the Last Day of the Month of their Enrollment Period):	
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2018

SPA #NY- 20-0026

Submission Date:	March 18, 2020
Effective Date: Mental Health Parity Compliance	April 1, 2019
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0027

Submission Date:	March 31, 2020
Effective Date: Compliance with Managed Care Regulations	April 1, 2019
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0028

Submission Date:	March 31, 2020
Effective Date: Disaster Relief Provisions	March 1, 2020
Implementation Date:	March 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 20-0029

Submission Date:	June 25, 2020
Effective Date: (HSI Early Intervention Program) Provisions	April 1, 2020
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 20-0029-A

Submission Date:	June 25, 2020
Effective Date: (HSI Newborn Screening Program) Provisions	April 1, 2020
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 21-0030

Submission Date:	March 31, 2021
Effective Date: Support Act Provisions	April 1, 2020
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2020

SPA #NY-22-SPA #0032-CHIP

Submission Date:	March 31, 2022
Effective Date: Compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	March 11, 2021
Implementation Date:	March 11, 2021

SPA #NY-22-0033-CHIP

Submission Date:	September 15, 2022
Effective Date: Elimination of the $9 Family Premium Contribution	October 1, 2022
Implementation Date:	October 1, 2022

Superseding Pages of MAGI CHIP State Plan Material

State: New York

Transmittal Number	SPA Group	PDF #	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
NY-14-0001 Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	MAGI Eligibility & Methods	CS7 CS15	Eligibility – Targeted Low-Income Children MAGI-Based Income Methodologies	Supersedes the current sections Geographic Area 4.1.1; Age 4.1.2; and Income 4.1.3 Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.3
NY-14-0002 Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	XXI Medicaid Expansion	CS3	Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program	Supersedes the current Medicaid expansion section 4.0
NY-14-0003 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
NY-13-0004 Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2013	Eligibility Processing	CS24	Eligibility Process	Supersedes the current sections 4.3 and 4.4
NY-14-0005 Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Financial Eligibility	CS17 CS18 CS19 CS20 CS21	Residency Citizenship Social Security Number Substitution of Coverage	Supersedes the current section 4.1.5 Supersedes the current sections 4.1.0; 4.1.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR Supersedes the current section 4.1.9.1 Supersedes the current section 4.4.4 Supersedes the current section 8.7
	General Eligibility	CS27 CS28	Non-Payment of Premiums Continuous Eligibility	Supersedes the current section 4.1.8 Supersedes the current section 4.3.2

Transmittal Number	SPA Group	PDF #	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
			Presumptive Eligibility for Children	
NY-19-0025 Effective/Implementation Date: April 1, 2018	Non-Financial Eligibility	CS20	Substitution of Coverage	Supersedes the previously approved CS20.

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.

A letter was mailed to all federally recognized tribes in New York State on August 31 ,2022 notifying them of the proposed State Plan Amendment. A link was provided in the letter for purposes of allowing the tribes to view the proposed State Plan Amendment. The tribes were given two weeks to provide comments/feedback on the proposed State Plan Amendment.

Section 8. Cost-Sharing and Payment

☐ Check here if the State elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the State's Medicaid plan, and continue on to Section 9.

8.1. Is cost-sharing imposed on any of the children covered under the plan? (42CFR 457.505) Indicate if this also applies for pregnant women. (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009)

8.1.1. ☒ Yes
8.1.2. ☐ No, skip to question 8.8.

Guidance: It is important to note that for families below 150 percent of poverty, the same limitations on cost sharing that are under the Medicaid program apply. (These cost-sharing limitations have been set forth in Section 1916 of the Social Security Act, as implemented by regulations at 42 CFR 447.50 - 447.59). For families with incomes of 150 percent of poverty and above, cost sharing for all children in the family cannot exceed 5 percent of a family's income per year. Include a statement that no cost sharing will be charged for pregnancy-related services. (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009) (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) and (c), 457.515(a) and (c))

8.2. Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge by age and income (if applicable) and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) and (c), 457.515(a) and (c))

8.2.1. ☒ Premiums:

Income	Individual Contribution	Family Maximum
<223% FPL	$0	$0
223%-250%*	$15	$45
251%-300%	$30	$90
301%-350%*	$45	$135
351%-400%	$60	$180

*American Indians/Native Americans exempt from Family contribution At the State's discretion, non-payment of premiums may be temporarily forgiven/waived or families may be given additional time to pay their premiums for CHIP applicants and/or existing beneficiaries who reside and/or work in a State or federally declared disaster area.

8.2.2. ☐ Deductibles:

There are no deductibles.

8.2.3. ☐ Coinsurance or copayments:

Coinsurance is not allowed and there are no co-payments.

8.3. Describe how the public will be notified, including the public schedule, of this cost sharing (including the cumulative maximum) and changes to these amounts and any differences based on income. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(b))

The cost sharing information is disseminated to potential enrollees through an informational brochure, a toll-free information and enrollment number and through the enrollment process with the health plans and facilitated enrollers. This information is also explained in the application.

Guidance: The State should be able to demonstrate upon request its rationale and justification regarding these assurances. This section also addresses limitations on payments for certain expenditures and requirements for maintenance of effort.

8.4. The State assures that it has made the following findings with respect to the cost sharing in its plan: (Section 2103(e))

8.4.1. ☒ Cost-sharing does not favor children from higher income families over lower income families. (Section 2103(e)(1)(B)) (42CFR 457.530)

8.4.2. ☒ No cost-sharing applies to well-baby and well-childcare, including age-appropriate immunizations. (Section 2103(e)(2)) (42CFR 457.520)

8.4.3 ☒ No additional cost-sharing applies to the costs of emergency medical services delivered outside the network. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.515(f))

8.5. Describe how the State will ensure that the annual aggregate cost-sharing for a family does not exceed 5 percent of such family's income for the length of the child's eligibility period in the State. Include a description of the procedures that do not primarily rely on a refund given by the State for overpayment by an enrollee: (Section 2103(e)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.560(b) and 457.505(e))

The Department has reviewed the cost sharing requirements for each family size and income level to ensure that in no instance will the cost sharing requirement exceed five percent of a family's annual income for the coverage period. There are no co-payments for the CHPlus program, therefore, aggregate cost sharing is based on the family contributions towards the health care premium and does not exceed five percent of a family's annual income.

8.6. Describe the procedures the State will use to ensure American Indian (as defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976) and Alaska Native children will be excluded from cost-sharing. (Section 2103(b)(3)(D)) (42CFR 457.535)

The Access NY application has a question which identifies children who are American Indians or Alaskan Natives. Once the child is determined to be an American Indian or Alaskan Native through appropriate tribal documentation, their family contribution is waived and they are fully subsidized by the program if their income is below 400 percent of the non-farm federal poverty limit.

8.7. Provide a description of the consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a charge. (42CFR 457.570 and 457.505(c))

Enrollees are billed monthly, either 60 or 90 days in advance prior to their month of coverage. The family premium contribution is due 30 days in advance of the month of coverage. The State does not terminate enrollees who failed to pay their family premium contribution prior to the beginning of the month of coverage. Enrollees are given an additional 30-day grace period (the actual month of coverage) to pay their family premium contribution.

In cases where the family premium contribution has not been received 15 days prior to the start of the coverage month, the health plan must send a notice to the family explaining that coverage for the enrollee will be terminated for non-payment if the premium contribution is not received by the last day of the month of coverage. This notice also informs the family of the right to challenge the termination for non-payment of the premium.

Health plans must disenroll a child effective the last day of the month of coverage if they do not receive the premium contribution for a child by that day. At the State's discretion, either allow additional time for enrollees to pay outstanding family premium contributions or waive such contributions for enrollees living in/and or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

Enrollees have the opportunity to request a review of their income and to provide proof of a decrease in income that would make the child eligible for Medicaid or for a lower family contribution by the last day of the month of coverage. The health plan would redetermine program eligibility and family contribution based on the revised information. A child remains enrolled in CHPlus if a dispute regarding family contribution arises until such dispute is resolved.

At State discretion, families may temporarily be given additional time to pay their premiums or non-payment of premium may be temporarily forgiven/waived for existing CHIP beneficiaries who reside and/or work in a State or Federally declared disaster area

There are no other charges associated with the program, and the family has the option of paying more than one month's family contribution at a time.

Guidance: Section 8.7.1 is based on Section 2101(a) of the Act provides that the purpose of title XXI is to provide funds to States to enable them to initiate and expand the provision of child health assistance to uninsured, low-income children in an effective and efficient manner that is coordinated with other sources of health benefits coverage for children.

8.7.1. Provide an assurance that the following disenrollment protections are being applied:

Guidance: Provide a description below of the State's premium grace period process and how the State notifies families of their rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of premiums. (Section 2103(e)(3)(C))

8.7.1.1. ☒ State has established a process that gives enrollees reasonable notice of and an opportunity to pay past due premiums, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar fees prior to disenrollment. (42CFR 457.570(a))

8.7.1.2. ☒ The disenrollment process affords the enrollee an opportunity to show that the enrollee's family income has declined prior to disenrollment for non-payment of cost-sharing charges. (42CFR 457.570(b))

At the State's discretion, either allow additional time for enrollees to pay outstanding family premium contributions or waive such contributions for enrollees living in/and or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

8.7.1.3. ☒ In the instance mentioned above, that the State will facilitate enrolling the child in Medicaid or adjust the child's cost-sharing category as appropriate. (42CFR 457.570(b))

8.7.1.4 ☒ The State provides the enrollee with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program. (42CFR 457.570(c))

8.8. The State assures that it has made the following findings with respect to the payment aspects of its plan: (Section 2103(e))

8.8.1. ☒ No Federal funds will be used toward State matching requirements. (Section 2105(c)(4)) (42CFR 457.220)

8.8.2. ☒ No cost-sharing (including premiums, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and all other types) will be used toward State matching requirements. (Section 2105(c)(5) (42CFR 457.224) (Previously 8.4.5)

8.8.3. ☒ No funds under this title will be used for coverage if a private insurer would have been obligated to provide such assistance except for a provision limiting this obligation because the child is eligible under this title. (Section 2105(c)(6)(A)) (42CFR 457.626(a)(1))

8.8.4. ☒ Income and resource standards and methodologies for determining Medicaid eligibility are not more restrictive than those applied as of June 1, 1997. (Section 2105(d)(1)) (42CFR 457.622(b)(5))

8.8.5. ☒ No funds provided under this title or coverage funded by this title will include coverage of abortion except if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. (Section 2105)(c)(7)(B)) (42CFR 457.475)

8.8.6. ☒ No funds provided under this title will be used to pay for any abortion or to assist in the purchase, in whole or in part, for coverage that includes abortion (except as described above). (Section 2105)(c)(7)(A)) (42CFR 457.475)

9.10. Provide a 1-year projected budget. A suggested financial form for the budget is below. The budget must describe: (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140)

- Planned use of funds, including:
  - Projected amount to be spent on health services;
  - Projected amount to be spent on administrative costs, such as outreach, child health initiatives, and evaluation; and
  - Assumptions on which the budget is based, including cost per child and expected enrollment.
  - Projected expenditures for the separate child health plan, including but not limited to expenditures for targeted low-income children, the optional coverage of the unborn, lawfully residing eligibles, dental services, etc.
  - All cost sharing, benefit, payment, eligibility need to be reflected in the budget.

- Projected sources of non-Federal plan expenditures, including any requirements for cost-sharing by enrollees.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of providing coverage to pregnant women.
- States must include a separate budget line item to indicate the cost of providing coverage to premium assistance children.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of providing dental-only supplemental coverage.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of implementing Express Lane Eligibility.
- Provide a 1-year projected budget for all targeted low-income children covered under the state plan using the attached form. Additionally, provide the following:
  - Total 1-year cost of adding prenatal coverage
  - Estimate of unborn children covered in year 1

CHILD HEALTH PLUS BUDGET SUMMARY

Benefit Costs	*Actual* 2021-22	*Projected* 2022-23	*Projected* 2023-24	*Projected* 2024-25
Insurance Payments	$873,498,000	$912,560,448	$953,636,448	$996,561,448
Managed Care Payments	$838,057,000	$688,770,000	$728,180,000	$769,363,000
Fee for Service				
Total Benefit Costs	$1,711,555,000	$1,601,330,448	$1,681,816,448	$1,765,924,448
Offsetting beneficiary cost sharing payments - Based on SFY2021-22 Actuals	($63,263,000)	($63,263,000)	($63,263,000)	($63,263,000)
$9 Family Contribution Elimination	$0	$11,850,948	$16,512,321	$17,255,375
Net Benefit Costs	$1,648,292,000	$1,549,918,396	$1,635,065,769	$1,719,916,823

Administration Costs	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Projected	2023-24 Projected	2024-25 Projected
Personnel	$1,724,444	$1,776,177	$1,829,462	$1,884,346
General Administration	$41,827,869	$43,082,705	$44,375,187	$45,706,442
Contractors/Brokers (e.g., enrollment contractors)				
Claims Processing				
Outreach/Marketing costs	$20,000	$20,600	$21,218	$21,855
Other (e.g., indirect costs)	$1,164,616	$1,199,555	$1,235,541	$1,272,607
Health Services Initiatives	$90,651,126	$93,370,660	$96,171,780	$99,056,933
Total Administration Costs	$135,388,055	$139,449,697	$143,633,188	$147,942,183
10% Administrative Cap (net benefit costs / 9)	$183,143,556	$172,213,155	$181,673,974	$191,101,869

Federal Title XXI Share	$1,236,803,750	$1,171,407,835	$1,233,349,856	$1,295,173,435
State Share	$546,876,000	$517,960,000	$545,349,000	$572,686,000

TOTAL COSTS OF APPROVED CHIP PLAN	$1,783,680,055	$1,689,368,093	$1,778,698,957	$1,867,859,006