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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

July 30, 2024

Nicole M. Harris, Executive Director
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Dear Director Harris:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number PA-24-0001-CHIP, submitted on July 1, 2024, has been approved. Through this SPA, Pennsylvania 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 also includes a technical change to move the location of the autism services description from section 6.2.23 to section 6.3.9-BH of the CHIP state plan. This SPA has an effective date of July 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 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

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

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

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR 457.40(b))

/Signed by Sally Kozak/

State Medicaid Director, 6/26/2024

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 Titles 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: Valarie Arkoosh	Position/Title: Secretary, Human Services
Name: Sally Kozak MHA, RN	Position/Title: Executive Deputy Secretary, Human Service
Name: Nicole Harris	Position/Title: Executive Director, CHIP

Disclosure Statement This information is being collected 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 (CMS10398 #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.

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

- 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: May 28, 1998

Implementation Date: June 1, 1998

SPA #: PA-24-0001-CHIP

Purposed of SPA: The state is assuring that it covers age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing. Autism Services is updated to Behavioral Health at section 6.3.9 -BH from Physical Health at 6.2.23,

Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Proposed Implementation Date: July 1, 2024

- 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.

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- 6.2.23.** ☒ Any other medical, diagnostic, screening, preventive, restorative, remedial, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services. (Section 2110(a)(24))

Outpatient medical therapy services (chemotherapy, radiation therapy, dialysis, and respiratory therapy) are unlimited. Requires a documented diagnosis that necessitates the prescribed service.

~~In accordance with the Pennsylvania Autism Insurance Act (Act 62), prescription drug coverage and over the counter drug coverage, services of a psychiatrist and/or psychologist, and rehabilitative and therapeutic care including applied behavioral analysis, speech/language, occupational, and physical therapy for the purposes of treating a confirmed diagnosis of autism. Covers evaluations and tests performed to diagnose autism~~

~~disorder are covered without limits. no limits apply. Members are eligible to use the expedited appeals process defined in Act 62 for Autism-related complaints and grievances.~~

Qualifying clinical trials conducted in relations to prevention, detection and treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. Covers items and services consistent with what the plan normally covers. Requires notification of participation in the trial before enrolling in that trial.

Effective March 11, 2021, and through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Act, and for all populations covered in the CHIP state child health plan:

COVID-19 Vaccine:

- The state provides coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and their administration, in accordance with the requirements of section 2103(c)(11)(A) of the Act.

COVID-19 Testing:

- The state provides coverage of COVID-19 testing, in accordance with the requirements of section 2103(c)(11)(B) of the Act.
- The state assures that coverage of COVID-19 testing is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19 and its recommendations for who should receive diagnostic and screening tests for COVID-19.
- The state assures that coverage includes all types of FDA authorized COVID-19 tests.

COVID-19 Treatment:

- The state assures that the following coverage of treatments for COVID-19 are provided without amount, duration, or scope limitations, in accordance with requirements of section 2103(c)(11)(B) of the Act:
 - The state provides coverage of treatments for COVID-19 including specialized equipment and therapies (including preventive therapies);
 - The state provides coverage of any non-pharmacological item or service described in section 2110(a) of the Act, that is medically necessary for treatment of COVID-19; and
 - The state provides coverage of any drug or biologic that is approved (or licensed) by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration

(FDA) or authorized by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to treat or prevent COVID-19, consistent with the applicable authorizations.

Coverage for a Condition That May Seriously Complicate the Treatment of COVID-19:

- The state provides coverage for treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment without amount, duration, or scope limitations, during the period when a beneficiary is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID-19, in accordance with the requirements of section 2103(c)(11)(B) of the Act.

6.3.9- BH ☒

Other

Provided for: ☒ Mental Health ☐ Substance Use Disorder

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Autism Insurance Act (Act 62), prescription drug coverage and over the counter drug coverage, services of a psychiatrist and/or psychologist, and rehabilitative and therapeutic care including applied behavioral analysis, speech/language, occupational, and physical therapy for the purposes of treating a confirmed diagnosis of autism. Covers evaluations and tests performed to diagnose autism disorder are covered without limits. no limits apply. Members are eligible to use the expedited appeals process defined in Act 62 for Autism related complaints and grievances.

6.5-Vaccine coverages

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.