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**State/Territory Name: Rhode Island**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: RI-13-0026**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) SPA Summary Form
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- 4) Additional Attachments that are part of the state plan

The complete title XXI state plan for Rhode Island consists of the most recent state plan posted on Medicaid.gov under CHIP and State Plan Amendments. The link is provided below. The following approved templates are in addition to, or replace sections of the state's posted current state plan. The attached approval letter(s) explain how these templates fit into that state plan.

Link to state title XXI state plans and amendments: <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html>

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Ms. Deborah J. Florio  
Administrator, Center for Child and Family Health  
R.I. Department of Human Services  
Hazard Bldg #74, 1st Floor  
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Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Ms. Florio:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Rhode Island's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), RI-13-0026, submitted on December, 12, 2013. This SPA incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The state is using interim alternative single streamlined paper and online applications and by December 31, 2014, will implement revised alternative single streamlined paper and online applications that addresses CMS concerns outlined in the companion letter issued with this SPA approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the following CS24 state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Rhode Island's approved state plan:

- CS24
- Attachment 1 – Statement of use with respect to the alternative single streamlined paper application
- Attachment 2 – Statement of use with respect to the alternative single streamlined online application

This approval and the enclosures supercede the following sections of the current CHIP State Plan:

- Section 4.3: Single Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process
- Section 4.4: Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

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The CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this State Plan Amendment. Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Mr. Burian's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Burian and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's address is:

Mr. Richard McGreal  
Office of the Regional Administrator  
JFK Federal Building, Suite 2325  
Boston, MA 02203-0003

If you have additional questions, please contact Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Eliot Fishman  
Director

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region I, Boston

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RE: CS24 – Eligibility Process State Plan Amendment (SPA), RI-13-0026

Dear Ms. Florio:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of state plan amendment (SPA) RI-13-0026, which was submitted to CMS on December 12, 2013. Our review of this submission included a review of the alternative single streamlined paper and online applications developed by the state.

Until December 31, 2014, the state is using interim alternative single streamlined paper and online applications. These interim applications need to be revised to reflect the following changes.

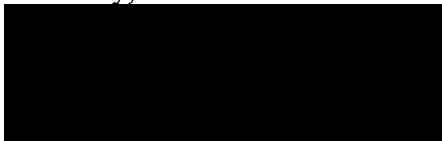
<b>Necessary changes:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>
<b>Paper Application</b>	
The questions about disability and foster care will only be asked of applicants.	December 31, 2014
<b>Necessary changes:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>
The detailed questions regarding an absent parent (name, address, and SSN) will be removed.	December 31, 2014

<b>Online Application</b>	
The questions regarding citizenship and immigration status, as well as questions regarding disabilities and foster care, will not be asked of non-applicants.	December 31, 2014
The request for Social Security Numbers will be clearly optional for non-applicant household members.	December 31, 2014
In the question about other insurance enrollment, the state will add an option for Tricare.	December 31, 2014

Please submit the revised alternative single streamlined online application to CMS for review no later than December 1, 2014, to ensure approval by December 31, 2014. We continue to be available to provide technical assistance. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Victoria Collins at [Victoria.Collins@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Victoria.Collins@cms.hhs.gov) or (410) 786-2167.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Linda Nablo  
Director, Division of State Coverage Programs

cc:  
Mr. Richard McGreal, ARA, CMS Region 1, Boston

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RI-13-026

**Type of SPA:**

- ☐ MAGI Eligibility & Methods
- ☐ XXI Medicaid Expansion
- ☐ Establish 2101(f) Group
- ☒ Eligibility Processing
- ☐ Non-Financial Eligibility

**Proposed Effective Date**

01/01/2014

(mm/dd/yyyy)

**Federal Statute/Regulation Citation**

42 CFR 457 subpart C; Section 2102(b)(3); Section 2107(e)(1)(O) of the Social Security Act

**Federal Budget Impact**

- ☐ This SPA has a budget impact.

Total budget impact:

State Funds:

\$

Federal Funds:

\$

**Subject of Amendment**

Please provide a brief summary of SPA changes.

Character Count:24 out of 2000

CHIP Eligibility Process

**Signature of State Agency Official**

Submitted By:

Siani Kayani

Last Revision Date:

Oct 14, 2014

Submit Date:

Dec 12, 2013

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## USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE SINGLE STREAMLINED APPLICATION

☐ Paper Application

☒ Online Application

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RI-13-0026

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# CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

## Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing

CS24

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457, subpart C

- ☒ The CHIP Agency meets all of the requirements of 42 CFR 457, subpart C for application processing, eligibility screening and enrollment.

### Application Processing

Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard:

- ☐ The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act.
- ☒ An alternative single, stream lined application developed by the state and approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act.

An attachment is submitted.

- ☐ An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs.

An attachment is submitted.

- ☒ The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in CFR 457.340(a), by telephone, via mail, in person and other commonly available electronic means.

The agency accepts applications in the following other electronic means.

- ☐ Other electronic means:

### Screen and Enroll Process

- ☒ The CHIP Agency has coordinated eligibility and enrollment screening procedures in place that are applied at time of initial application, periodic redeterminations, and follow-up eligibility determinations. The procedures ensure that only targeted low-income children are provided CHIP coverage and that enrollment is facilitated for applicants found to be potentially eligible for other insurance affordability programs.

Procedures include:

- ☒ Screening of application to identify all individuals eligible or potentially eligible for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs; and
- ☒ Income eligibility test, with calculation of household income consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 for individuals identified as potentially eligible for Medicaid or other insurance affordability programs based on household income; and



# CHIP Eligibility

- ☒ Screening process for individuals who may qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than having household income at or below the applicable MAGI standard, based on information in the single streamlined application.

The CHIP agency has entered into an arrangement with the Exchange to make eligibility determinations for advanced premium tax credits in accordance with section 1943(b)(2) of the SSA.

Yes

## Redetermination Processing

- ☒ Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 457.343:
- ☒ Once every 12 months.
  - ☒ Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency.
- If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.
- ☒ information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.

## Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has adopted procedures to accept and process electronic accounts of individuals screened as potentially eligible for CHIP by other insurance affordability programs in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 457.348(b) and to determine eligibility in accordance with 42 CFR 457.340 in the same manner as if the application had been submitted directly to, and processed by the state.
- ☒ The CHIP Agency elects the option to accept CHIP eligibility decisions made by the Exchange or other agencies administering insurance affordability programs as provided in 42 CFR 457.348 and to furnish CHIP in accordance with requirements of 42 CFR 457.340 to the same extent and in the same manner as if the applicant had been determined by the state to be eligible for CHIP.

Check all types of agencies that apply:

- ☐ The Exchange
- ☒ Medicaid
- ☐ Other agency administering insurance affordability programs

- ☐ The CHIP Agency has entered into an agreement with agencies administering other insurance affordability programs to fulfill the requirements of 457.348(b) and will provide this agreement to the Secretary upon request.

## PRA Disclosure Statement

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