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State/Territory Name: Rhode Island

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: RI-13-027

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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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Dear Ms. Florio:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number RI-13-027, submitted on December 12, 2013, and related Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility, with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

Non-Financial Eligibility:

The SPA number RI-13-027 is approved to clarify the state's non-financial eligibility policies on residency, citizenship, social security numbers, substitution of coverage, and non-payment of premiums. Copies of the approved state plan pages are attached and these approved pages supersede sections of Rhode Island's current state plan as detailed below:

New State Plan Page	Impact on Current State Plan Section
CS17: Non-Financial Eligibility – Residency	Section 4.1.5
CS18: Non-Financial Eligibility – Citizenship	Section 4.1.0; 4.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR
CS19: Non-Financial Eligibility – Social Security Number	Section 4.1.9.1
CS20: Non-Financial Eligibility – Substitution of Coverage	Section 4.4.4
CS21: Non-Financial Eligibility – Non-Payment of Premiums	Section 8.7

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. 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 in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-5143. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Eliot Fishman.

Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility

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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory name: Rhode Island

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RI-13-027

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 457.310(b)(2) and (3), 457.320(a)(9), 457.320, 457.320(b)(6), 457.320(c), 457.320(d), 457.320(e)

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: 30 out of 2000

CHIP Non-Financial Eligibility

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Jodi DiBernardo

Last Revision Date: Feb 26, 2014

Submit Date: Dec 12, 2013

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Residency

CS17

42 CFR 457.320

Residency

- The CHIP Agency provides CHIP to otherwise eligible residents of the state, including residents who are absent from the state under certain conditions.

A child is considered to be a resident of the state under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized child, if capable of indicating intent and who is emancipated or married, if the child is living in the state and:
 1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or
 2. Has entered the state with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- A non-institutionalized child not described above and a child who is not a ward of the state:
 1. Residing in the state, with or without a fixed address, or
 2. The state of residency of the parent or caretaker, in accordance with 42 CFR.435.403(h)(1), with whom the individual resides.
- An institutionalized child, who is not a ward of the state, if the state is the state of residence of the child's custodial parent or caretaker at the time of placement, or
- A child who is a ward of the state regardless of where the child lives, or
- A child physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the child's actual state of residence.

If the state covers pregnant women, a pregnant woman is considered to be a resident under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized pregnant woman who is living in the state and:
 1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or if incapable of indicating intent, is living in the state, or
 2. Entered with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- An institutionalized pregnant woman placed in an out-of-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, including foster care homes, by an agency of the state, or
- An institutionalized pregnant woman residing in an in-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, whether or not the individual established residency in the state prior to entering the institution, or
- A pregnant woman physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the pregnant woman's actual state of residence.

The state has in place related to the residency of children and pregnant women (if covered by the state):



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One or more interstate agreement(s). No

A policy related to individuals in the state only for educational purposes. No

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Citizenship CS18

Sections 2105(c)(9) and 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.320(b)(6), (c) and (d)

Citizenship

The CHIP Agency provides CHIP eligibility to otherwise eligible citizens and nationals of the United States and certain non-citizens, including the time period during which they are provided with reasonable opportunity to submit verification of their citizenship, national status or satisfactory immigration status.

The CHIP Agency provides eligibility under the Plan to otherwise eligible individuals:

Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or

Who are qualified non-citizens as defined in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. §1641), or whose eligibility is required by section 402(b) of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1612(b)) and is not prohibited by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or

Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or an individual having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, nationality, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of 1903(x), 1137(d), and 1902(ee) of the Act, and 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 956 and 457.380.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period if the individual is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

 No

The agency begins to furnish benefits to otherwise eligible individuals during the reasonable opportunity period on a date earlier than the date the notice is received by the individual.

 Yes

The date benefits are furnished is:

The date of application containing the declaration of citizenship or immigration status.

The date the reasonable opportunity notice is sent.

Other date, as described:

Once a person has been determined eligible, coverage is effective back to the first of the month of which they applied.

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible children up to age 19, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA (Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3).

 Yes

Otherwise eligible children means children meeting the eligibility requirements of targeted low-income children with the exception of non-citizen status.

The CHIP Agency provides assurance that lawfully residing children are also covered under the state's Medicaid program.



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The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant women, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3. The state may not select this option unless the state also elects to cover lawfully residing children. A state may not select this option unless the state also covers Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.

No

- An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and meets state residency requirements.
- An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if he or she is:
 1. A qualified non-citizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);
 2. A non-citizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));
 3. A non-citizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
 4. A non-citizen who belongs to one of the following classes:
 - (i) Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1160 or 1255a, respectively;
 - (ii) Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
 - (iii) Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);
 - (iv) Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;
 - (v) Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;
 - (vi) Granted Deferred Action status;
 - (vii) Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;
 - (viii) Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;
 5. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C. 1231, or under the Convention Against Torture, who:
 - (i) Has been granted employment authorization; or
 - (ii) Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
 6. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
 7. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(J);
 8. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or
 9. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)).



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10. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (1) through (9) of this definition.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Social Security Number

CS19

42 CFR 457.340(b)

Social Security Number

As a condition of eligibility, the CHIP Agency must require individuals who have a social security number or are eligible for one as determined by the Social Security Administration, to furnish their social security number, or numbers if they have more than one number.

- The CHIP Agency requires individuals, as a condition of eligibility, to furnish their social security number(s), with the following exceptions:

Individuals refusing to obtain a social security number (SSN) because of well established religious objections, or

Individuals who are not eligible for an SSN, or

Individuals who are issued an SSN only for a valid non-work purpose.

- The CHIP Agency assists individuals, who are required to provide their SSN, to apply for or obtain an SSN from the Social Security Administration if the individual does not have or forgot their SSN.

- The CHIP Agency informs individuals required to provide their SSN:

By what statutory authority the number is solicited; and

How the state will use the SSN.

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it will verify each SSN furnished by an applicant or beneficiary with the Social Security Administration, not deny or delay services to an otherwise eligible applicant pending issuance or verification of the individual's SSN by the Social Security Administration and that the state's utilization of the SSNs is consistent with sections 205 and 1137 of the Social Security Act and the Privacy Act of 1974.

The state may request non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN, if the state meets the requirements below.

The state requests non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN.

Yes

- When requesting an SSN for non-applicant household members, the state assures that:
- At the time such SSN is requested, the state informs the non-applicant that this information is voluntary and provides information regarding how the SSN will be used; and
 - The state only uses the SSN for determination of eligibility for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs, or for a purpose directly connected with the administration of the state plan.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Substitution of Coverage CS20

457.310(b)(2) and (b)(3), 457.320(a)(9) and 2110(b)(1)(C) of the SSA

Substitution of Coverage

The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has methods and policies in place to prevent the substitution of group health coverage or other commercial health insurance with public funded coverage. These policies include:

Substitution of coverage prevention strategy:

	Name of policy	Description	
+	Health Source RI	RI employs a unified eligibility system that determines whether a person qualifies for publicly funded coverage or commercial health insurance.	X
+	Rite Share	This is a premium assistance program that enables low-income people afford health insurance through their employer rather than enrolling in publicly funded coverage. Rite Share accomplishes this by paying for some or all of the employee's cost. Participation in Rite Share is mandatory: a person must take employee-sponsored coverage if Medicaid determines it more cost-effective than public coverage.	X

A waiting period during which an individual is ineligible due to having dropped group health coverage.

If the state covers pregnant women, the waiting period does not apply to pregnant women.

If the state elects to offer dental only supplemental coverage, the following assurances apply:

The other coverage exclusion does not apply to children who are otherwise eligible for dental only supplemental coverage as provided in section 2110(b)(5) of the SSA.

The waiting period does not apply to children eligible for dental only supplemental coverage.

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Non-Payment of Premiums	CS21
42 CFR 457.570	
Non-Payment of Premiums	
Does the state impose premiums or enrollment fees?	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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