

**RHODE ISLAND TITLE XXI STATE PLAN  
FACT SHEET**

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## Background

On January 5, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Human Services submitted a title XXI State Plan to expand its Medicaid program. Rhode Island's Medicaid expansion covers uninsured children between the ages of 8 and 19, in families with incomes up to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The State's Medicaid section 1115 waiver program, entitled "Rite Care," was amended effective May 1, 1997, to include this population.

The following groups of children are eligible for enhanced matching payments under Rhode Island's title XXI program:

- 1) children between the ages of 8 and 15 with family incomes between 100 percent and 250 percent of FPL;
- 2) children between the ages of 15 and 19 with family incomes up to 250 percent of the FPL; and,
- 3) children between conception and birth with family incomes up to including 250 percent of the FPL.

*The following group of pregnant women is eligible for enhance matching payments under Rhode Island's title XXI program:*

*Pregnant women who are uninsured prior to enrollment, with family incomes from 185 percent up to including 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).*

## Amendments

1. On November 10, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Human Services submitted an amendment to expand benefits under Rhode Island's title XXI program for uninsured children up to age 19 to 300 percent of FPL. The expansion will be accomplished in two ways: (1) using section 2110 of Subtitle J of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to cover uninsured children up to age 8 up to 300 percent of the FPL; and (2) using income disregards to cover children aged 8 to 19 up to 300 percent of the FPL. This expansion has not been implemented.
2. Rhode Island submitted its second amendment on June 27, 2002. This amendment updated and amended the CHIP state plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) regulations.
3. On February 5, 2003, Rhode Island submitted its third amendment to its title XXI state plan to add coverage for unborn children with family incomes up to and including 250 percent of the FPL and not eligible for Medicaid. Coverage is under a separate child health program and will include prenatal care and associated health services for children from conception through birth.

4. On August 22, 2006, Rhode Island submitted its fourth amendment to its title XXI state plan to institute a \$10,000 liquid asset limit for eligibility, for children in title XXI.
5. On February 5, 2008, Rhode Island submitted its fifth amendment to its title XXI state plan to eliminate the \$10,000 liquid asset limit for eligibility.
6. On April 16, 2009, Rhode Island submitted its sixth amendment to its title XXI state plan to provide for pregnancy-related services for targeted low-income pregnant women with family incomes between 185 percent of the FPL, up to including 250 percent of the FPL.
7. On August 4, 2009, Rhode Island submitted its seventh amendment to its title XXI state plan to expand eligibility to lawfully residing children up to including 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), as authorized under section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA).

### **Children Covered Under the Program**

In FFY 2008, the State reported that 26,031 children were ever enrolled in CHIP.

### **Administration**

The CHIP program is administered by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

### **Health Care Delivery System**

Enrollees receive health services through Rlte Care, the State's section 1115 Medicaid managed care demonstration. Under this demonstration program, the State contracts with licensed health maintenance organizations (HMOs), which participate in Rlte Care to provide a comprehensive set of benefits to enrollees.

Enrollees that are dependents of an employee who is employed where there is a "qualified" health plan are enrolled in Rlte Share, the State's premium assistance program. Enrollees receive health services through the employer's health plan.

### **Benefit Package**

Enrollees in CHIP Medicaid expansion receive the Medicaid benefit package.

Enrollees in the CHIP separate child health program receive Secretary-approved coverage that is the same as coverage provided under Medicaid.

## **Cost Sharing**

All families in RIte Care and RIte Share with family incomes between 185 and 250 percent of the FPL pay a premium on a sliding scale according to family income level. The State informs families of the 5-percent limit on cost sharing. When a family reaches the 5-percent threshold, it must notify the State and the State directs the health plans to cease collection of cost-sharing amounts.

## **Crowd-Out Strategy**

Children must be uninsured at the time of application to be eligible for the program. Mandatory enrollment in the RIte Share, the State's premium assistance program, if the CHIP or Medicaid-eligible individual has access to employer sponsored insurance (ESI). Data matching with the insurers in the State is part of the crowd-out strategy.

## **Coordination between CHIP and Medicaid**

The processes are identical.

## **Outreach Activities**

Outreach activities include targeted mailings, distribution of materials to every school-age child in the State, coverage in the print media and professional newsletters, the Internet, piggy-back mailings with other State or local mailings, and public service announcements. A kick-off press conference has announced the beginning of each expansion in eligibility and television and radio interviews for staff were arranged.

The State also has outreach activities planned for its non-English speaking populations. All printed materials that are available to the general public as well as the application have been translated into Spanish and distributed to Hispanic organizations throughout the State. Newspaper advertisements also have been placed in Hispanic newspapers and a Hispanic Outreach Subcommittee was created to provide recommendations to the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

## **Financial Information**

Total FFY 2010 CHIP Allotment – \$75,435,997  
FFY 2010 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate – 66.84%

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