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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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July 15, 2024

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Dear Director Jennifer Strohecker:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) UT-24-0031, submitted on July 2, 2024, has been approved. Through this SPA, Utah 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 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 assurances to demonstrate compliance with requirements.

Your Project Officer is Joyce Jordan. 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

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.

SPA# UT-24-0031

Purpose of SPA: The State is assuring that it covers age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing

Proposed effective 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.

State Plan Amendment UT-24-0031 was presented to the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board meeting on June 21, 2024. Consultation was not requested.

## **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.** 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.