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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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July 31, 2024

Stacey L. Shamblin  
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Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Director Shamblin:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number WV-24-0008, submitted on June 28, 2024, has been approved. Through this SPA, West Virginia has demonstrated compliance with both the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Section 11405(b)(1) and 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 October 1, 2023.

Section 11405(b)(1) of the IRA requires states with separate CHIPs that include coverage for adults to provide coverage and payment for approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and their administration, without cost sharing. 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 ACIP without cost sharing. The state provided the necessary assurances to demonstrate compliance with the requirements.

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

State/Territory: West Virginia  
(Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))          /Signed by Cynthia Persily/ June 11, 2024 (Signature of Governor, or designee, of State/Territory, Date/Signed)

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 Title 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)):

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Name: <u>Cynthia Beane</u>	Position/Title: <u>Commissioner, BMS</u>
Name: <u>Cynthia Persily</u>	Position/Title: <u>Cabinet Secretary, DoHS</u>

**Disclosure Statement** This information is being collected to 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 (CMS-10398 #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.

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| <p>#19 Effective: January 1, 2021<br/>         Implemented: January 1, 2021<br/>         Approved: August 5, 2021</p> | <p>WV-20-0006 Managed Care<br/>         To transition program to managed care</p>  |
| <p>#20 Effective: April 1, 2022<br/>         Implemented: April 1, 2022<br/>         Approved:</p>                    | <p>WV-22-0017 Expanded Post-Partum Coverage<br/>         To expand post-partum coverage to 12 months<br/>         consistent with the state Medicaid program.</p>  |
| <p>#20 Effective: March 11, 2021<br/>         Implemented: March 11, 2021<br/>         Approved:</p>                  | <p>WV-22-0018 American Rescue Plan<br/>         To demonstrate WVCHIP compliance with the American<br/>         Rescue Plan Act provisions that require states to cover<br/>         treatment, testing, and vaccinations for COVID-19<br/>         without cost sharing</p> |
| <p>#23 Effective: October 1, 2023<br/>         Implemented: October 1, 2023<br/>         Approved:</p>                | <p>WV-24-0008 To assure WVCHIP covers age-appropriate<br/>         vaccines and their administration without cost-sharing</p>  |

m-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.

### **Section 7. Quality and Appropriateness of Care**

**Guidance:** Methods for Evaluating and Monitoring Quality- Methods to assure quality include the application of performance measures, quality standards consumer information strategies, and other quality improvement strategies.

Performance measurement strategies could include using measurements for external reporting either to the State or to consumers and for internal quality improvement purposes. They could be based on existing measurement sets that have undergone rigorous evaluation for their appropriateness (e.g., HEDIS). They may include the use of standardized member satisfaction surveys (e.g., CAHPS) to assess members’ experience of care along key dimensions such as access, satisfaction, and system performance.

Quality standards are often used to assure the presence of structural and process measures that promote quality and could include such approaches as: the use of external and periodic review of health plans by groups such as the National Committee for Quality Assurance; the establishment of standards related to consumer protection and quality such as those developed by the National Association of