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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

May 6, 2014

Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Secretary Racine:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Vermont's state plan amendment (SPA) 14-0004MM1, which was submitted to CMS on March 28, 2014, approved on April 23, 2014 and effective on January 1, 2014. SPA 14-0004MM1 amends S30 for children under age 19 to increase the income limit from 237% to 312% FPL. This SPA modifies the state plan so that the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) may be administered as part of the Medicaid state plan, and so that insured children now covered under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration may also be transferred to coverage under the Medicaid state plan.

Enclosed is a copy of the approved state plan pages S30, Pages 1 through 5 and the 179 transmittal for this SPA. Please replace the previously approved S30 document with these pages.

If you have any questions about this letter or need any additional information, please contact Lynn Wolfsfeld of my staff at 1-410-999-4004 or by email at Lynn.Wolfsfeld@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mark Larson, Commissioner
Lindsay Parker, Health Programs Administrator, Policy Unit

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: Vermont

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY= the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

VT-14-0004

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2014

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 CFR §430.12(c)(ii)

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	2014	\$ 0.00
Second Year	2015	\$ 0.00

Subject of Amendment

Enclosed you will find state plan amendment TN# VT-14-0004 for your review. This amendment seeks to modify the state plan so that the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) may be administered as part of Vermont Medicaid and to update a requirement of the Affordable Care Act, specifically the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology and eligibility process for children.

Governor's Office Review

☒ Governor's office reported no comment
Comments of Governor's office received
Describe:

☐ No reply received within 45 days of submittal

☐ Other, as specified
Describe:

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Lindsay Parker
Last Revision Date: Apr 8, 2014
Submit Date: Apr 8, 2014

Plan Approved - One Copy Attached

Date Received: 03/28/14

Effective Date: 01/01/14

Typed Name: Richard R. McGreal

Date Approved: 04/23/14

Signature of Regional Official

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations, Boston, MA



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OMB Control Number 0938-1148
OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage Infants and Children under Age 19

S30

42 CFR 435.118
1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III), (IV), (VI) and (VII)
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) and (IX)
1931(b) and (d)

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☒ **Infants and Children under Age 19** - Infants and children under age 19 with household income at or below standards established by the state based on age group.

☒ The state attests that it operates this eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

☒ Children qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

☒ Are under age 19

☒ Have household income at or below the standard established by the state.

☒ MAGI-based income methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to S10 MAGI-Based Income Methodologies, completed by the state.

☒ Income standard used for infants under age one

☒ Minimum income standard

The state had an income standard higher than 133% FPL established as of December 19, 1989 for determining eligibility for infants under age one, or as of July 1, 1989, had authorizing legislation to do so.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Enter the amount of the minimum income standard (no higher than 185% FPL): % FPL

☒ Maximum income standard

☒ The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for infants under age one to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for infants under age one.

An attachment is submitted.

The state's maximum income standard for this age group is:

☐ The state's highest effective income level for coverage of infants under age one under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) (mandatory poverty level-related infants), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) (optional poverty level-related infants) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.



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- ☐ The state's effective income level for any population of infants under age one under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ☐ The state's effective income level for any population of infants under age one under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ☐ 185% FPL

Enter the amount of the maximum income standard: % FPL

☒ Income standard chosen

The state's income standard used for infants under age one is:

- ☒ The maximum income standard

If not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of infants under age one under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) (mandatory poverty level-related infants), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) (optional poverty level-related infants) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

If higher than the highest effective income level for this age group under the state plan as of March 23, 2010, and if not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of infants under age one under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) (mandatory poverty level-related infants), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) (optional poverty level-related infants) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

If higher than the highest effective income level for this age group under the state plan as of March 23, 2010, and if not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's effective income level for any population of infants under age one under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

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☐ Another income standard in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed, provided it is higher than the effective income standard for this age group in the state plan as of March 23, 2010.

☒ Income standard for children age one through age five, inclusive

☒ Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard used for this age group is 133% FPL.

☒ Maximum income standard

- ☒ The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for children age one through five to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for children age one through five.

An attachment is submitted.

The state's maximum income standard for children age one through five is:

- ☒ The state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age one through five under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) (mandatory poverty level-related children age one through five), and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

- ☒ The state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age one through five under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) (mandatory poverty level-related children age one through five), and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

- ☒ The state's effective income level for any population of children age one through five under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

- ☒ The state's effective income level for any population of children age one through five under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

Enter the amount of the maximum income standard: % FPL

☒ Income standard chosen

The state's income standard used for children age one through five is:

- ☒ The maximum income standard

- ☒ If not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age one through five under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) (mandatory poverty level-related children age one through five), and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

- ☒ If higher than the highest effective income level for this age group under the state plan as of March 23, 2010, and if not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age one through five under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) (mandatory poverty level-related children age one through five), and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

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☐ Another income standard in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed, provided it is higher than the effective income standard for this age group in the state plan as of March 23, 2010.

☒ Income standard for children age six through age eighteen, inclusive

☒ Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard used for this age group is 133% FPL.

☒ Maximum income standard

☒ The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for children age six through eighteen to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for children age six through age eighteen.

An attachment is submitted.

The state's maximum income standard for children age six through eighteen is:

☐ The state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age six through eighteen under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) (mandatory poverty level-related children age six through eighteen) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

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☐ The state's effective income level for any population of children age six through eighteen under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

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☐ 133% FPL

Enter the amount of the maximum income standard: % FPL

☒ Income standard chosen



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The state's income standard used for children age six through eighteen is:

☒ The maximum income standard

If not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age six through eighteen under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) (mandatory poverty level-related children age six through eighteen) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

If higher than the highest effective income level for this age group under the state plan as of March 23, 2010, and if not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's highest effective income level for coverage of children age six through eighteen under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified children), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) (mandatory poverty level-related children age six through eighteen) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized children), in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

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☐ Another income standard in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed, provided it is higher than the effective income standard for this age group in the state plan as of March 23, 2010.

☐ There is no resource test for this eligibility group.

☐ Presumptive Eligibility

The state covers children when determined presumptively eligible by a qualified entity.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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