

## Example of CHIP Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment

States wishing to utilize this option under their CHIP State plan will want to complete the following sections of the CHIP State plan template:

- 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 # X

Purpose of SPA: To implement provisions for temporary adjustments to enrollment and redetermination policies and cost sharing requirements for children in families living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster areas. In the event of a natural disaster, the State will notify CMS that it intends to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies and cost sharing requirements, the effective and duration date of such adjustments, and the applicable Governor or FEMA declared disaster areas.

Proposed effective date: X

Proposed implementation date: X

- 4.3** **Methodology.** Describe the methods of establishing and continuing eligibility and enrollment. The description should address the procedures for applying the eligibility standards, the organization and infrastructure responsible for making and reviewing eligibility determinations, and the process for enrollment of individuals receiving covered services, and whether the State uses the same application form for Medicaid and/or other public benefit programs. (Section 2102)(b)(2)) (42CFR, 457.350).

At the State's discretion, additional time may be allowed for beneficiaries living and/or working in Governor or FEMA declared disaster area to complete the renewal process.

The State may also waive premium balances for applicants and/or beneficiaries living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of a disaster event.

- 8.2.** Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge by age and income (if applicable) and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) &(c), 457.515(a)&(c)).

### **8.2.1. Premiums:**

At State discretion, premiums may be waived for CHIP applicants and/or beneficiaries who meet income and other eligibility requirements and who reside and/or work in Governor or FEMA declared disaster areas for a specified period of time.

- 8.7** Provide a description of the consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a charge (42CFR 457.570 and 457.505(c)).

Exception to Disenrollment for Failure to Pay Premiums—At State discretion, premiums may be waived for CHIP applicants and/or beneficiaries who meet income and other eligibility requirements and who reside and/or work in Governor or FEMA declared disaster areas for a specified period of time. The premium balance will be waived if the family is determined to have been living or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas based on self-declared application information or other documentation provided by the family.

- 9.10** Provide a 1-year projected budget (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140).

If the State's proposed disaster event provisions pose a significant budget impact, please include an updated budget. If the proposed changes do not make any notable impact to the budget, please include a statement with that assumption.