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May 03, 2023

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Director of Department of Human Services
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Little Rock, AR 72201-4608

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment AR-23-0001

Dear Janet Mann,

On March 08, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-23-0001, in which the state proposed to adopt the changes to the eligibility rules for the Former Foster Care Children eligibility group, as enacted by the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act, Pub. L. No. 115-217, section 1002.

We approve Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-23-0001 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Lee Herko at Lee.Herko@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,
James G. Scott
Director, Division of Program Operations
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

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Medicaid Agency Name: DHS Division of Medical Services

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives Section 1002(a) of the SUPPORT Act modifies these eligibility requirements for the former foster care children group in two ways.

First, section 1002(a)(1)(A) of the SUPPORT Act eliminates the requirement that an individual not be eligible for another mandatory eligibility group (other than the adult group) to be eligible for the former foster care children group. As a result, a person may be enrolled in the former foster care children group even if the individual meets the eligibility requirements for a separate mandatory group described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i) of the Act, so long as the individual is not actually enrolled in such group.

Second, section 1002(a)(1)(B) and (C) of the SUPPORT Act expanded eligibility for the former foster care children group by requiring that states cover individuals who aged out of foster care in a state other than the state in which they are currently seeking Medicaid coverage. Specifically, sections 1002(a)(1)(B) and (C) of the SUPPORT Act amend sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)(cc) and (dd) of the Act, respectively, to replace each reference to “the State” with a reference to “a State.” (Emphasis added). This means that all states must cover in the former foster care children group individuals who aged out of foster care in another state, as long as they otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for this group. The Arkansas Medicaid State Plan is being updated to reflect these changes.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$42107
Second	2024	\$56143

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Statute: 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX); Section 1002(a)(2) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (Pub. L. No. 115-271)
Regulation: 42 CFR 435.150

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Infants and Children under Age 19		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Deemed Newborns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
SSI Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Working Individuals under 1619(b)	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualifying Individuals	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

Yes No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Adult Group		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED

C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

- N/A

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Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Former Foster Care Children

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Individuals under the age of 26, who were in foster care and on Medicaid when they turned age 18 or aged out of foster care.

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The state covers the mandatory former foster care children group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

- Are under age 26
- Were in foster care upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21).
- Are described under either Section B. or C.

B. Individuals Covered

For individuals who turn 18 before January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - In foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - Enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to B.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- They were enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

C. Individuals Covered

For individuals who turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - In foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - Enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- Are not enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to C.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to a state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which that state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- a. They were enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- b. They were placed by a state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project when they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- c. They were placed by a state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

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