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April 04, 2023

Carmen Heredia
Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E Jefferson St
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment AZ-22-0009

Dear Ms. Heredia:

On September 12, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) AZ-22-0009, in which Arizona proposed to elect the option described in section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage to Medicaid-eligible pregnant individuals.

We approve Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) AZ-22-0009 with an effective date(s) of April 01, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Brian Zolynas at brian.zolynas@cms.hhs.gov

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

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Arizona

Medicaid Agency Name: AHCCCS

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
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- CHIP

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives This State Plan Amendment implements Section 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL 117-2) in the state of Arizona, expanding the postpartum coverage period from 60-days to 365-days.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$10386500
Second	2024	\$10386500

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Section 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL 117-2)

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

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Extended Postpartum Coverage

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The state provides continuous eligibility for pregnant individuals and extended postpartum coverage in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women

The state provides continuous eligibility to pregnant individuals who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan, without regard to any changes in income that otherwise would result in ineligibility, through the last day of the month in which a 60-day postpartum period (beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) ends. This extension does not apply to pregnant individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.

B. Optional 12-Month Postpartum Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women

The state provides continuous eligibility to pregnant individuals who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan while pregnant (including during a period of retroactive eligibility) through the last day of the month in which a 12-month postpartum period (beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) ends. The 12-month postpartum continuous eligibility option applies for the period beginning on the effective date of this reviewable unit and is available through March 31, 2027 (or other date as specified by law).

- Yes
 No

- This extension does not apply to pregnant individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.
- Full benefits are provided for a pregnant or postpartum individual under this option. This includes all items and services covered under the state plan (or waiver) that are not less in amount, duration, or scope than, or are determined by the Secretary to be substantially equivalent to, the medical assistance available for an individual described in subsection 1902 (a)(10)(A)(i) of the Act.
- Continuous eligibility is provided to pregnant individuals eligible and enrolled under the state plan through the end of the 12-month postpartum period who would otherwise lose eligibility because of a change in circumstances, unless:
 - The individual requests voluntary termination of eligibility;
 - The individual ceases to be a resident of the state;
 - The Medicaid agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse or perjury attributed to the individual; or
 - The individual dies.

C. Additional Information (optional)

Section 5113 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 eliminated, without replacement, the March 31, 2027, sunset date of the 12-month postpartum continuous eligibility option. Therefore, the durational limit of the option that is described in section B. does not apply.

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