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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

December 17, 2025

Tyler Sadwith
State Medicaid Director
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Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment CA-22-0036

Dear Director Sadwith,

On November 09, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-22-0036 that proposes to rebrand the online presumptive portal (CHDP Gateway) as Children's Presumptive Eligibility (CPE). Presumptive eligibility services will expand to include all qualified Medi-Cal providers enrolled in Medi-Cal; thereby permitting more providers to make presumptive eligibility determinations and expanding access to Medi-Cal services for more children/youth under the age 19.

We approve California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-22-0036 with an effective date(s) of July 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Nikki Lemmon at nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
Wendy E. Hill Petras
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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SPA ID CA-22-0036

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives This proposed amendment rebrands the online presumptive portal (CHDP Gateway) as Children's Presumptive Eligibility (CPE). Presumptive eligibility services will expand to include all qualified Medi-Cal providers enrolled in Medi-Cal; thereby permitting more providers to make presumptive eligibility determinations and expanding access to Medi-Cal services for more children/youth under the age 19. As part of this proposal, DHCS will develop a CPE training module (similar to hospital presumptive eligibility) as part of the applicable state requirements for presumptive eligibility qualified entities.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2022	\$0
Second	2023	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Health & Safety Code §§ 104395, 120475, 124024; W&I Code § 14011.7

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

Describe The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Presumptive Eligibility

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The state provides Medicaid services to individuals during a presumptive eligibility period following a determination by a qualified entity.

Presumptive eligibility covered in the state plan includes:

Eligibility Groups

Eligibility Group Name	Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Presumptive Eligibility for Children under Age 19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Adult Group - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65 - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Hospitals

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

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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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Presumptive Eligibility for Children under Age 19

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The state provides Medicaid coverage to children when determined presumptively eligible by a qualified entity.

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Presumptive eligibility for children is determined under the following provisions:

A. Presumptive Eligibility Income Standard

2. The income standard for presumptive eligibility is the higher of the standard used for Targeted Low-Income Children (42 CFR 435.229) or the standard used for Infants and Children under 19 (42 CFR 435.118), for that child's age.

B. Presumptive Eligibility Age Limit

Children under the following age may be determined presumptively eligible:

Under age:

19

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C. Presumptive Eligibility Period

1. The presumptive period begins on the date the determination is made.

2. The end date of the presumptive period is the earlier of:

1. a. The date the eligibility determination for regular Medicaid is made, if an application for Medicaid is filed by the last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made; or
2. b. The last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made, if no application for Medicaid is filed by that date.

3. Periods of presumptive eligibility are limited as follows:

- a. No more than one period within a calendar year.
- b. No more than one period within two calendar years.
- c. No more than one period within a six-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.
- d. No more than one period within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.
- e. Other reasonable limitation:

Name of limitation	Description
Children Limitations	Children Limitations: No more than two periods within a 12-month period, starting from the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.

Presumptive Eligibility for Children under Age 19

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D. Application for Presumptive Eligibility

1. The state uses a standardized screening process for determining presumptive eligibility.

2. The state uses the single streamlined paper and/or online application for Medicaid and Presumptive Eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the single streamlined paper and/or online application with questions necessary for a PE determination highlighted or denoted is attached.

3. The state uses a separate paper application form for presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the application form is included.

4. The state uses an online portal or electronic screening tool for presumptive eligibility approved by CMS. Screenshots of the tool included.

Name	Date Created	
Children_s Presumptive Eligibility Pre-Enrollment Worksheet (DHCS 4073 Revised 11.2024) English (1)	12/1/2025 2:46 PM EST	

Name	Date Created	
CPE Response (denial-1056 MCAIP revised language for over income when MCAP linkage)	12/1/2025 2:43 PM EST	
CPE Response Message (appended ways to apply, will accompany all denials)	12/1/2025 2:43 PM EST	
CPE Response Message (approval + ways to apply)	12/1/2025 2:43 PM EST	
CPE Response Message (denial + ways to apply)	12/1/2025 2:43 PM EST	
Childrens Presumptive Eligibility (CPE) Step-By-Step User Guide (12.2025 final for CMS approval)	12/10/2025 5:44 PM EST	
CPE Portal Verification screen (12.2025)	12/10/2025 5:44 PM EST	

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5. Describe the presumptive eligibility screening process:

When a child enters a provider's office and needs coverage, a brief paper application is provided to the family. One of the specific questions on the application is if the family would like information on applying for Medi-Cal. This information is entered into the presumptive eligibility portal, and if eligible, the child will qualify.

E. Presumptive Eligibility Determination

The presumptive eligibility determination is based on the following factors:

1. Household income must not exceed the applicable income standard for the child's age, described in Section A.

a. A reasonable estimate of MAGI-based income is used to determine household income.

b. Gross income is used to determine household size.

2. State residency

3. Citizenship, status as a national, or satisfactory immigration status

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F. Qualified Entities

1. The state uses qualified entities, as defined in section 1920A of the Act, to determine eligibility presumptively for this eligibility group. A qualified entity is an entity that is determined by the agency to be capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations based on an individual's household income and other requirements.

2. The following qualified entities are used to determine presumptive eligibility for this eligibility group:

- Furnishes health care items or services covered under the state's approved Medicaid state plan and is eligible to receive payments under the plan
- Other entity the agency determines is capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations

Name of entity	Description
CalHEERS	California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System
California Schools	California schools participating in the National School Lunch Program Medicaid Expansion

- 3. The state assures that it has communicated the requirements for qualified entities, at 1920A(b)(3) of the Act, and provided adequate training to the entities and organizations involved. A copy of the training materials has been included.

4. A copy of the training materials has been uploaded for review during the submission process.

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Children_s Presumptive Eligibility Provider Certification training 9.22.2025 (1) (003)	12/1/2025 2:49 PM EST	
Childrens Presumptive Eligibility (CPE) Step-By-Step User Guide (11.2025 final for CMS approval)	12/1/2025 2:49 PM EST	

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G. Additional Information (optional)

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