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May 15, 2026

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State Medicaid Director
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment CA-23-0002

Dear Director Sadwith,

On March 16, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-23-0002. California expanded Hospital Presumptive Eligibility coverage to a new coverage group of individuals aged 65 or older and whose income is at or below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. With this SPA, the state seeks to permanently memorialize this expansion in the State Plan to allow the population 'Aged 65 or older' to be covered by Hospital Presumptive Eligibility.

We approve California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-23-0002 with an effective date of January 01, 2023.

Please note the attached companion letter CMS is issuing alongside this approval.

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If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Nikki Lemmon at 303-844-2641 or nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
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Re: Companion Letter: California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0002

Dear Director Sadwith:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of state plan amendment (SPA) CA 23-0002, which was submitted to CMS on March 16, 2023.

Approval of SPA CA 23-0002 includes approval of the Presumptive Eligibility by Hospitals Reviewable Unit (RU), provider training materials, the online Presumptive Eligibility (PE) portal, and paper PE application. This approval will be effective as of January 1, 2023.

Pending implementation of the changes described below, California will use an interim online HPE portal and provider training materials. The state will revise the online HPE portal, paper HPE application, and provider training materials as described below.

	Necessary Change	Date by which the change will be completed:
1.	PE Portal and Application The state will implement HPE to screen adult applicants and determine ineligible individuals for the new adult group (age 19-64) if they have Medicare Part A or B by adding the question, "Do you currently have Medicare Part A or B?" to the HPE application and portal.	June 1, 2026
2.	PE Portal, Paper Application and Training Materials Implement the BCC and Family Planning in HPE applications and training materials. Historically, California did not include screening questions for the BCC and Family Planning groups as coverage for these groups operate as standalone programs. Providers participating in California's BCCTP and Family PACT programs	June 1, 2026

	<p>receive specific training to identify, screen and enroll eligible individuals. When there is program participation overlap, facilities are best positioned to determine when an evaluation for BCCTP and/or Family PACT coverage is appropriate based on their established workflows, staffing structure of departments, and patient needs.</p> <p>The state will update the PE portal, paper application and training materials to include eligibility factors and screening processes for BCC and Family Planning coverage groups to ensure dually enrolled providers may make HPE determinations for BCCTP and Family PACT.</p>	
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Please submit the revised online HPE application screenshots and copies of all provider training materials to CMS for review upon completion of each change identified above. We will continue to be available to provide technical assistance. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Nikki Lemmon at Nicole.Lemmon@cms.hhs.gov or Sarah O'Connor at Sarah.Oconnor@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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State Information

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Executive Summary

- Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives** The state is electing to cover these non-MAGI groups in HPE:
- Individuals eligible for but not receiving cash assistance- section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)
 - Age and Disability Poverty Level-section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X)

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$44995
Second	2024	\$44211

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.1110

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 SPA.

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives - Presumptive Eligibility	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children - Presumptive Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer - Presumptive Eligibility	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Presumptive Eligibility

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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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- The state provides an assurance that it has policies and procedures in place to enable qualified hospitals to determine presumptive eligibility under 42 CFR 435.1110, and the state is providing Medicaid coverage for individuals determined presumptively eligible under this provision.
- The state attests that presumptive eligibility by hospitals is administered in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Qualifications of Hospitals

A qualified hospital is a hospital that:

- Participates as a provider under the state plan or a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration, notifies the Medicaid agency of its election to make presumptive eligibility determinations and agrees to make presumptive eligibility determinations consistent with state policies and procedures.
- Has not been disqualified by the Medicaid agency for failure to make presumptive eligibility determinations in accordance with applicable state policies and procedures or for failure to meet any standards that may have been established by the Medicaid agency.
- Assists individuals in completing and submitting the full application and understanding any documentation requirements.

Yes No

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B. Eligibility Groups or Populations Included

The eligibility groups or populations for which hospitals determine eligibility presumptively are:

1. Pregnant Women
2. Infants and Children under Age 19
3. Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives
4. Adult Group, if covered by the state
5. Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65, if covered by the state
6. Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, if covered by the state
7. Former Foster Care Children
8. Certain Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer, if covered by the state

The state limits qualified hospitals for this group to providers who conduct screenings for breast and cervical cancer under the state's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Yes No

9. Other Medicaid state plan eligibility groups:

Name of eligibility group	Description
Individuals eligible for but not receiving cash assistance- section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)	PE is not a standard eligibility screen in which simplified income or resource methods are used. Under this method, the state has elected to include specific populations, such as individuals age 65+ without implicating comparability.
Age and Disability Poverty Level-section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X)	PE is not a standard eligibility screen in which simplified income or resource methods are used. Under this method, the state has elected to include specific populations, such as individuals age 65+ without implicating comparability.

10. Demonstration populations covered under section 1115

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C. Standards for Participating Hospitals

The state establishes reasonable standards for qualified hospitals making presumptive eligibility determinations.

Yes No

D. Presumptive Eligibility Period

- The presumptive period begins on the date the determination is made.
- The end date of the presumptive period is the earlier of:
 - 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
 - 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.
- 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
Adults PE Period	Adults, receive no more than One PE period within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.
Pregnant Women PE Period	Pregnant Women, receive no more than One PE period, per pregnancy.
Former Foster Care PE Period	Former Foster Care individuals, receive no more than One PE period within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.
Children Under 19 Years Old PE Periods	Children under the age 19 years old, receive no more than Two PE periods within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.
Parents and Caretaker Relatives PE Period	Parents and Caretaker Relatives, receive no more than One PE period within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.

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E. 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 form 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 included.
- 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	
20260220 SPA 23-0002 HPE Medi-Cal Application (DHCS 7022 revised 12.2025)	3/17/2026 12:13 PM EDT	

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1. HPE Service Location Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
2. HPE Applicant Information Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
3. HPE Medi-Cal Information Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
4. HPE Household and Income Details Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
5. HPE Signature and Declaration Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
6. HPE Application Summary Screen	3/17/2026 12:14 PM EDT	
2001 Denial- Not a California Resident	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2002 Denial- Already received PE for current pregnancy	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2100 Denial- 1 PE enrollment	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2101 Denial- Existing eligibility, has BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2102 Denial- Existing eligibility, no BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2104 Denial- over income	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2106 Denial- Medicare	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2107 Denial- 2 PE enrollments	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2200 Approval- HPE, has BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2201 Approval- HPE, no BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	

Name	Date Created	
2202 Approval- HPE for pregnancy, has BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
2203 Approval- HPE for pregnancy, no BIC	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
8888 Denial- Duplicate eligibility response (transaction denied due to same-day transaction)	3/17/2026 12:20 PM EDT	
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5. Describe the presumptive eligibility screening process:

Qualified Providers screen for eligibility through the online portal by collecting age, residency, and income information. If eligibility is approved, the patient is provided a temporary identification card.

F. Presumptive Eligibility Determination

The presumptive eligibility determination is based on the following factors:

1. The individual's categorical or non-financial eligibility for the group for which the individual's presumptive eligibility is being determined (e.g., based on age, pregnancy status, status as a parent/caretaker relative, disability, or other requirements specified in the Medicaid state plan or a Medicaid 1115 demonstration for that group)
2. Household income must not exceed the applicable income standard for the group for which the individual's presumptive eligibility is being determined, if an income standard is applicable for this group.
 - a. A reasonable estimate of MAGI-based income is used to determine household income.
 - b. Gross income is used to determine household size.
 - c. Other income methodology
3. State residency
4. Citizenship, status as a national, or satisfactory immigration status

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G. Qualified Entity Requirements

- 1. The state assures that it has communicated the requirements for qualified hospitals, and has provided adequate training to the hospitals.
- 2. A copy of the training materials has been uploaded for review during the submission process.

Name	Date Created	
20260220 SPA 23-0002 Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Program Provider-Training v_2.13.2026	3/17/2026 12:15 PM EDT	

H. Additional Information (optional)

Continuation from section B9: From an eligibility perspective, California's process is to determine hospital presumptively eligibility for a specific non-MAGI population (65+).

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