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October 26, 2022

Ms. Lynette Rhodes, Esq.
Medicaid Director
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street NW
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment GA-22-0005-PPPG

Dear Ms. Lynette Rhodes, Esq.,

On August 19, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Georgia State Plan Amendment (SPA) GA-22-0005-PPPG, in which Georgia proposed to elect its option, as authorized by sections 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, to extend its postpartum coverage to 12 months to individuals who are pregnant when enrolled in Medicaid.

We approve Georgia State Plan Amendment (SPA) GA-22-0005-PPPG with an effective date(s) of November 01, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Etta Hawkins at etta.hawkins@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Hughes

Deputy Director, Division of Program
Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Georgia

Medicaid Agency Name: Georgia Department of Community Health

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
- Medicaid
- CHIP

Submission - Summary

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Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Extended Postpartum Coverage	11/1/2022	NA

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives Sections 9812 and 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) give states a new option to provide 12 months of extended postpartum coverage to pregnant individuals enrolled in Medicaid. The newly extended postpartum coverage option offers states an opportunity to provide care that can reduce pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity and improve continuity of care.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$57624504
Second	2024	\$57790945

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act/42 C.F.R. § 435.116

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

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

1. This extension does not apply to pregnant individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.
2. 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.
3. 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:
 - a. The individual requests voluntary termination of eligibility;
 - b. The individual ceases to be a resident of the state;
 - c. 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
 - d. The individual dies.

C. Additional Information (optional)

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