

## **Table of Contents**

**State/Territory Name: Georgia**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0002-VLP**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) Summary Form (with 179-like data)
- 3) Approved SPA Pages

# GA - Submission Package - GA2023MS0002O - (GA-23-0002-VLP) - Eligibility

Summary Reviewable Units Versions Correspondence Log Analyst Notes **Approval Letter** Transaction Logs News Related Actions

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group  
601 East 12th Street  
Room 355  
Kansas City, MO 64106



## Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

November 22, 2023

Lynette Rhodes  
Executive Director  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
East Tower 19th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment GA-23-0002-VLP

Dear Lynette Rhodes,

On August 30, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Georgia State Plan Amendment (SPA) GA-23-0002-VLP to provide full coverage of Medicaid benefits for lawfully present non-citizen pregnant individuals and children under 19, effective January 1, 2024.

We approve Georgia State Plan Amendment (SPA) GA-23-0002-VLP with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Etta Hawkins at [etta.hawkins@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:etta.hawkins@cms.hhs.gov)

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

# GA - Submission Package - GA2023MS0002O - (GA-23-0002-VLP) - Eligibility

[Summary](#) [Reviewable Units](#) [Versions](#) [Correspondence Log](#) [Analyst Notes](#) [Approval Letter](#) [Transaction Logs](#) [News](#) [Related Actions](#)

## Submission - Summary

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS0002O | GA-23-0002-VLP

CMS-10434 OMB 0938-1188

### Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS0002O	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	N/A
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	N/A		

### State Information

**State/Territory Name:** Georgia

**Medicaid Agency Name:** Georgia Department of Community Health

### Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
- Medicaid
- CHIP

# Submission - Summary

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS00020 | GA-23-0002-VLP

## Package Header

<b>Package ID</b> GA2023MS00020	<b>SPA ID</b> GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b> Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b> 8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b> 11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b> N/A
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b> N/A	

## SPA ID and Effective Date

**SPA ID** GA-23-0002-VLP

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility	1/1/2024	GA13-024

## Submission - Summary

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS0002O | GA-23-0002-VLP

### Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS0002O	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	N/A
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	N/A		

### Executive Summary

**Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives** This State Plan Amendment aims to provide Medicaid coverage to lawfully residing individuals under the age of 19 and pregnant women, who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid in the state, as provided in section 1903(v)(4) of the Act.

### Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

#### Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$1958735
Second	2025	\$2376514

#### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1903(v)(4) and 2107(e)(l)(j) of the Social Security Act.  
42 CFR 435.406  
42 CFR 435.956

#### Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

Name	Date Created	
No items available		

## Submission - Summary

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS00020 | GA-23-0002-VLP

### Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS00020	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	N/A
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	N/A		

### Governor's Office Review

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

PRA Disclosure Statement: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) and (42 CFR 430.12); which sets forth the authority for the submittal and collection of state plans and plan amendment information in a format defined by CMS for the purpose of improving the state application and federal review processes, improve federal program management of Medicaid programs and Children's Health Insurance Program, and to standardize Medicaid program data which covers basic requirements, and individualized content that reflects the characteristics of the particular state's program. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to range from 1 hour to 80 hours per response (see below), including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

*This view was generated on 11/22/2023 12:12 PM EST*

# GA - Submission Package - GA2023MS0002O - (GA-23-0002-VLP) - Eligibility

## Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

### Non-Financial Eligibility

#### Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS0002O | GA-23-0002-VLP

CMS-10434 OMB 0938-1188

#### Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS0002O	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	<u>1/1/2024</u>
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	GA13-024		
	System-Derived		

The state provides Medicaid to citizens and nationals of the United States and certain non-citizens who meet all other Medicaid eligibility requirements under the state plan, consistent with requirements of 42 CFR 435.406, including during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, national status or satisfactory immigration status.

#### A. Citizens, Nationals and Eligible Non-Citizens

The state provides Medicaid eligibility to otherwise eligible individuals:

- Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or
- Who are qualified non-citizens as defined in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. §1641) or who are non-citizens treated as refugees under other federal statutes for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, subject to the requirements at 8 U.S.C. §1612(b)(2), and are not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or who are non-citizens whose eligibility is required by 8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(E) and (F); and
- Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or non-citizens having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, nationality or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of 1903(x), 1137(d), 1902(ee) of the SSA and 42 CFR 435.406, 911, and 956.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

a. The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for non-citizens if the non-citizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

- Yes
- No

b. When a reasonable opportunity period is provided, the agency furnishes benefits to otherwise eligible individuals on the following date:

The date benefits are furnished is:

- i. The date of the application containing the declaration of citizenship or immigration status.
- ii. The first day of the month of application.

# Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS00020 | GA-23-0002-VLP

## Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS00020	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	1/1/2024
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	GA13-024		
	System-Derived		

## B. Optional Coverage of Qualified Non-Citizens

The state provides Medicaid coverage to all otherwise-eligible Qualified Non-Citizens whose eligibility is not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613).

- Yes
- No



# Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS00020 | GA-23-0002-VLP

## Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS00020	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	1/1/2024
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	GA13-024		
	System-Derived		

## C. Coverage of Lawfully Residing Individuals

The state elects the option to provide Medicaid coverage to otherwise eligible individuals, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 1903(v)(4) of the Act.

Yes

No

1. Pregnant women

2. Individuals under a specified age:

a. Individuals under age 21

b. Individuals under age 20

c. Individuals under age 19

3. An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements in the state plan.

4. An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if he or she is:

- a. A qualified non-citizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);
- b. A non-citizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));
- c. A non-citizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
- d. A non-citizen who belongs to one of the following classes:
  - i. Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1160 or 1255a, respectively;
  - ii. Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
  - iii. Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);
  - iv. Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;
  - v. Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;
  - vi. Granted Deferred Action status;
  - vii. Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;
  - viii. Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;
- e. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C.1231,or under the Convention Against Torture who:
  - i. Has been granted employment authorization; or
  - ii. Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
- f. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
- g. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C.1101(a)(27)(J);
- h. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or
- i. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)).
- j. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this definition.
- k. Other

Description:

Exceptions:

Individuals granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241, described under C.4.d.vii., above, are not considered to be lawfully present;

Individuals granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(35) and (c)(36), described under paragraph C.4.d.iii, are not considered to be lawfully present unless they have an immigration status considered lawfully present under paragraph 4.a. through i.

# Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | GA2023MS00020 | GA-23-0002-VLP

## Package Header

<b>Package ID</b>	GA2023MS00020	<b>SPA ID</b>	GA-23-0002-VLP
<b>Submission Type</b>	Official	<b>Initial Submission Date</b>	8/30/2023
<b>Approval Date</b>	11/22/2023	<b>Effective Date</b>	1/1/2024
<b>Superseded SPA ID</b>	GA13-024		
	System-Derived		

## D. Emergency Coverage

The state assures that it provides limited Medicaid services for treatment of an emergency medical condition, not related to an organ transplant procedure, as defined in 1903(v)(3) of the Social Security Act and implemented at 42 CFR 440.255, to the following individuals who meet all Medicaid eligibility requirements, except documentation of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status and/or present an SSN:

1. Qualified non-citizens subject to the 5 year waiting period described in 8 U.S.C. 1613(a)
2. Non-qualified non-citizens, unless covered as a lawfully residing child or pregnant woman by the state under the option in accordance with 1903(v)(4) and implemented at 435.406(b).

## E. Additional Information (optional)

PRA Disclosure Statement: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) and (42 CFR 430.12); which sets forth the authority for the submittal and collection of state plans and plan amendment information in a format defined by CMS for the purpose of improving the state application and federal review processes, improve federal program management of Medicaid programs and Children's Health Insurance Program, and to standardize Medicaid program data which covers basic requirements, and individualized content that reflects the characteristics of the particular state's program. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to range from 1 hour to 80 hours per response (see below), including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

*This view was generated on 11/22/2023 12:13 PM EST*