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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 22-0014

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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
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Kansas City, MO 64106

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

July 26, 2022

Marylou Sudders
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment MA-22-0014

Dear Marylou Sudders,

On May 26, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-22-0014 to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months pursuant to Sections 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2).

We approve Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-22-0014 with an effective date(s) of April 01, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Marie DiMartino at marie.dimartino@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,
Ruth A. Hughes
 Acting Director, Division of Program Operations
 Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Submission - Summary

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Massachusetts
Medicaid Agency Name: Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Office of Medicaid

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
- Medicaid
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives
Amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to extend postpartum coverage pursuant to Sections 9812 and 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) that gives states a new option to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage to pregnant individuals enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP beginning April 1, 2022. MassHealth will provide 12 months of coverage to pregnant individuals with income up to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) as well as CHIP members with income up to 300% who inform MassHealth they are pregnant during their pregnancy, regardless of immigration status, beginning 4/1/2022.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

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Federal Statute/Regulation Citation
Sections 9812 and 9822 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)

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Governor's Office Review

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

Describe: Not required under 42 CFR 430 12(b)(2)

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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

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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