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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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## Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

January 13, 2025

Kate Walsh  
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-24-0038

Dear Secretary Walsh,

On December 30, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-24-0038 to update state plan assurances in accordance with federally mandated quality reporting requirements for the Child Core Set and the behavioral health quality measures on the Adult Core Set outlined in 42 CFR 431.16 and 437.10 through 437.15.

We approve Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-24-0038 with an effective date(s) of December 31, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Vanessa Jefferies at [vanessa.jefferies@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:vanessa.jefferies@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,  
James G. Scott  
Director  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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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
- CHIP

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### SPA ID and Effective Date

**SPA ID** MA-24-0038

| Reviewable Unit | Proposed Effective Date | Superseded SPA ID |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Reporting       | 12/31/2024              | NEW               |

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## Executive Summary

**Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives** This State Plan Amendment is to attest to Massachusetts' compliance with the mandatory annual state reporting of the Child Core Set and the Behavioral Health Measures of the Adult Core Set in accordance with 42 CFR § 437.

## Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

### Federal Budget Impact

|        | Federal Fiscal Year | Amount |
|--------|---------------------|--------|
| First  | 2025                | \$0    |
| Second | 2026                | \$0    |

### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR § 437

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

| Name               | Date Created |  |
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| No items available |              |  |

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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)(i)

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.

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## Medicaid State Plan Administration

### General Administration

### Reporting

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### A. General Reporting

The agency submits all reports in the form and with the content required by the Secretary and complies with any provisions that the Secretary finds necessary to verify and assure the correctness of all reports.

- 1. The agency assures that all requirements of 42 CFR 431.16 are met.

### B. Annual Reporting on the Child and Adult Core Sets

- 1. The agency assures that all requirements of 42 CFR 437.10 through 437.15 are met.
- 2. The agency reports annually, by December 31, on:
  - a. All measures on the Child Core Set that are identified by the Secretary pursuant to 42 CFR 437.10.
  - b. All behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set that are identified by the Secretary pursuant to 42 CFR 437.10.

### C. Additional Information (optional)

Via letter on August 2, 2024, Massachusetts wrote the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to request that CMS grant certain exemptions to the mandatory Adult and Child Core Measure Set reporting for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024. On August 9, 2024, via an email from Deirdra Stockmann, CMS granted Massachusetts a one-year exemption for FFY 2024 Core set mandatory reporting for the items listed below. Pursuant to the exemption, the items listed below will not be included in the reports that Massachusetts plans to submit to CMS by December 31, 2024.

- All populations for HPCMI-AD (Diabetes Care for People with Serious Mental Illness: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%))

- Non-exempt measure eligible fee-for-service (FFS) members and members enrolled in Primary Care Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) for the following hybrid measures:

- CIS-CH (Childhood Immunization Status)
- IMA-CH (Immunizations for Adolescents)
- WCC-CH (Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents)

- Non-exempt FFS populations, PCCM plan members, and members enrolled in Primary Care ACOs for the following survey measures:

- CPC-CH (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems [CAHPS] Health Plan Survey 5.1H Child Version)
- CPC-CH (CAHPS Health Plan Survey 5.1H Child Version with Children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental Items)
- MSC-AD (Medical Assistance with Smoking Cessation)

- Separate CHIP population for all Child Core Set Measures

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