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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

August 16, 2022

Tricia Roddy
Deputy Medicaid Director
Maryland Department of Health
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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

Dear Tricia Roddy,

On June 14, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) MD-22-0014 to extend postpartum coverage for individuals who were eligible and enrolled in Medicaid while pregnant from sixty days to twelve months.

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

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Talbatha Myatt at talbatha.myatt@cms.hhs.gov

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

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Maryland

Medicaid Agency Name: Maryland Department of Health, Office of Health Care Financing

Submission Component

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives Effective April 1, 2022, Medicaid-eligible pregnant individuals will be able to access full Medicaid benefits for the duration of their pregnancy and the 12-month postpartum period, regardless of any changes in income or household size. The 12-month postpartum coverage period will begin on the last day of the pregnancy and end on the last day of the 12th month.

Eligibility for the postpartum expansion will vary based on whether they are newly applying for Medicaid or already enrolled and the end date of the pregnancy.

Pregnant people who are applying for postpartum coverage but are not enrolled in Medicaid at the time of application ("new applicants") will be covered through the twelfth month following their pregnancy end date. New applicants who are not currently pregnant and who have not had a pregnancy within the last three months will not be eligible for postpartum coverage. If a new applicant is not pregnant at the time of the application but had a pregnancy within the last three months and accessed a Medicaid-covered service during that time, they are covered through the 12th month following the pregnancy end date if they apply for the retroactive coverage.

People who are already enrolled in Medicaid ("existing enrollees"), who are currently pregnant will be covered through the twelfth month following their pregnancy end date. Existing enrollees who are not currently pregnant and have not had a pregnancy within the last twelve months are not eligible for extended Medicaid coverage. An existing enrollee is not currently pregnant but had a pregnancy within the last twelve months is eligible for Medicaid coverage through the twelfth month following their pregnancy end date.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2022	\$4788272
Second	2023	\$4788272

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act (the Act)

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

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 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

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

C. Additional Information (optional)

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