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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

December 17, 2024

Gary Smith
Executive Director
US Virgin Islands Department of Human Services
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment VI-24-0001

Dear Gary Smith,

On March 28, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received the U.S. Virgin Islands State Plan Amendment (SPA) VI-24-0001, which provides 12 months of continuous eligibility (CE) for children under the age of 19 to comply with Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

We approve U.S. Virgin Islands State Plan Amendment (SPA) VI-24-0001 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2024.

The pages approved for incorporation into the U.S. Virgin Islands state plan are attached. CMS appreciates the significant work your staff dedicated to preparing this state plan.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Ivelisse Salce at Ivelisse.Salce@cms.hhs.gov

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

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Submission - Summary

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State Information

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Submission Component

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- CHIP

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SPA ID and Effective Date

SPA ID VI-24-0001

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives To provide 12 months of continuous eligibility (CE) for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$200000
Second	2025	\$306000

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023). Section 5112 of the CAA, 2023 amended titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security 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

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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Continuous Eligibility for Children

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The state provides continuous eligibility for children in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Hospitalized Children

The state provides Medicaid to a child eligible for and enrolled under the Infants and Children under Age 19 (42 CFR 435.118) eligibility group until the end of an inpatient stay for which inpatient services are covered, if the child:

1. Was receiving inpatient services covered by Medicaid on the date the child becomes ineligible under the eligibility group based on the child's age; and
2. Would remain eligible but for attaining such age.

B. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Children

The state provides continuous eligibility to all children under age 19 and that:

1. The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends the last day of the earlier of the following periods:

a. The month that the child turns 19 years old;

b. 12 months.
2. Continuous eligibility is provided to children eligible under all mandatory and optional eligibility groups (excluding Medically Needy) who would otherwise lose eligibility because of any change in circumstances, unless:

a. The child dies;

b. The child or the child's representative voluntarily requests a termination of the child's eligibility;

c. The child ceases to be a resident of the state;

d. 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 child or the child's representative; or

e. The child attains the maximum age specified in B.

C. Additional Information (optional)

N/A

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