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Dear. Ms. Jones:

WVCHIP was granted the following flexibilities under its State Plan Amendment WV-20-0003, Disaster Relief, for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) effective March 1, 2020 and ending May 11, 2023:

- Waive requirements related to timely processing of renewals;
- Delay acting on changes in circumstances for CHIP beneficiaries, other than the required changes in circumstance described in 42 CFR 457.342(a) cross-referencing 42 CFR 435.926(d); and
- Waive all monthly premiums and cost sharing for all services.

WV began timely processing of renewals in July 2020. Renewals were processed and members closed if no longer eligible for CHIP during the PHE after the CMS guidance released on January 6, 2021. In West Virginia, CHIP and Medicaid applications are processed by the same eligibility system through a streamlined process. WV's unwinding period is April 2023 through March 2024. All standard eligibility processes resumed on April 1, 2023.

West Virginia will waive all copayments for all enrollees through June 30, 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, the state will resume the collection of copayments for all services, other than for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration, testing, treatment, and treatment of a condition that could complicate the treatment of COVID-19, in accordance with approved SPA WV-22-0018. West Virginia will not reinstate copayments for those services through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 emergency period (September 30, 2024).

The state will waive all premiums for all enrollees through the state's COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, scheduled to end March 31, 2024. Effective April 1, 2024, the state will resume the standard, approved state plan premium policies.

Please contact me at the above address or telephone number if you have questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Stacey Shamblin/

Stacey Shamblin
Acting Director/Financial Officer