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State/Territory Name: Utah

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0017

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Dear Director Strohecker,

On December 15, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Utah State Plan Amendment (SPA) UT-23-0017, in which the state proposed to elect the option described in section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage to Medicaid-eligible pregnant individuals.

We approve Utah State Plan Amendment (SPA) UT-23-0017 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tyler Deines at tyler.deines@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

James G. Scott
Division of Program Operations Director
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Submission - Summary
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Executive Summary

The purpose of this amendment is to provide extended postpartum coverage to pregnant women and continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

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Section 1902(a)(10) of the Social Security Act

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Governor's Office Review

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

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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).

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)

Section 5113 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 eliminated, without replacement, the March 31, 2027, sunset date of the 12-month postpartum continuous eligibility option. Therefore, the durational limit of the option that is described in Section B. does not apply.

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**Medicaid State Plan Eligibility**

**Eligibility and Enrollment Processes**

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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. Options for Continuous Eligibility for Children**

The state provides continuous eligibility to children.

- Yes
- No

1. Continuous eligibility is provided to all children of the following age:

   a. Under age 19
   b. Under other age

2. 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's age exceeds the age limit to which this provision applies
   b. The end of the continuous eligibility period, which is:
      i. 12 months
      ii. Another period of continuous eligibility, not to exceed 12 months

3. 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)**

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