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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: AR-13-0022

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The complete title XXI state plan for Arkansas consists of the most recent state plan posted on Medicaid.gov under CHIP and State Plan Amendments. The link is provided below. The following approved templates are in addition to, or replace sections of the state's posted current state plan. The attached approval letter(s) explain how these templates fit into that state plan.

Link to state title XXI state plans and amendments: <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html>

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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

DEC 19 2013

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Dear Dr. Allison:

I am pleased to inform you that your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number AR-13-0022, submitted on September 23, 2013, and related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility has been approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

MAGI Eligibility & Methods:

SPA number AR-13-0022 provides assurance on page CS15 that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups; and, using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds, the state indicates on page CS9 that it will cover children from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid. A copy of the approved CS15 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.3 of the state's approved CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS9 is attached and supersedes the current Geographic Area, Age and Income Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the current CHIP state plan.

Your Title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Ms. Collins's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Collins and Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-5143. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs.

Sincerely,



Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

cc: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas

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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility

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Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory name: Arkansas

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

AR-13-0022

Type of SPA:

- MAGI Eligibility & Methods
- XXI Medicaid Expansion
- Establish 2101(f) Group
- Eligibility Processing
- Non-Financial Eligibility

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation**Federal Budget Impact** This SPA has a budget impact.

Total budget impact:

State Funds: \$ Federal Funds: \$ **Subject of Amendment**

Please provide a brief summary of SPA changes.

Character Count: 71 out of 2000

CHIP State Plan is being amended to add MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Glenda Higgs

Last Revision Date: Dec 17, 2013

Submit Date: Sep 23, 2013

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

CS15

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.315

- The CHIP Agency will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies for all separate CHIP covered groups, as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(b) through (i).

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for enrollees determined eligible for CHIP on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014 or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later.

If the state covers pregnant women, in determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size.
- Projected annual household income for the remaining months of the current calendar year and family size.

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of the reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

- The CHIP Agency certifies that it has submitted and received approval for the conversion for all separate CHIP covered group income standards to MAGI-equivalent standards.

An attachment is submitted.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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CHIP Eligibility

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 0938-1148. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 50 hours per response, 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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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Coverage From Conception to Birth

CS9

42 CFR 457.10

Coverage From Conception to Birth - Coverage from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid.

The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Age Standard

From conception through birth.

Does the state have an additional age definition or other age-related conditions? No

Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide. Yes

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard? No

Statewide Income Standard

The statewide income standard is: From zero up to 209 % FPL

Exempted from requirement of providing or applying for a Social Security Number.

Exempted from requirement of verifying citizenship status.

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