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April 05, 2024

Janet Mann
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment AR-24-0008

Dear Janet Mann,

On March 28, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-24-0008 to provide Continuous Eligibility for Children.

We approve Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-24-0008 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2024.

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

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

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Arkansas

Medicaid Agency Name: DHS Division of Medical Services

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
- Medicaid
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Continuous Eligibility for Children	1/1/2024	new

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives States must provide continuous eligibility to children who are under age 19 and are eligible for and enrolled in a mandatory or optional eligibility group under the Medicaid state plan. Continuous eligibility must be provided to all children who are under age 19 and who are eligible and enrolled in Medicaid, excluding medically needy children and children who have been determined presumptively eligible under section 1920A of the Act but have not yet received a determination of full Medicaid eligibility. States may not limit the provision of continuous eligibility to individuals in the eligibility group for children under age 19 or another eligibility group that is specific to children. A child's continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the individual's initial eligibility determination or most recent redetermination or renewal. States may not terminate coverage for a child receiving continuous eligibility, regardless of any changes in circumstances, unless:

- (1) The child attains age 19;
- (2) The child or child's representative requests a voluntary termination of eligibility;
- (3) The child ceases to be a resident of the state;
- (4) The agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination, redetermination or renewal of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; or
- (5) The child dies.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$20360771
Second	2025	\$27147695

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Statute: Sections 1902(e)(7) and 1902(e)(12) of the Act
Regulation: 42 CFR 435.172; 42 CFR 435.926

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 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)

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