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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

February 8, 2024

Drew L. Snyder
Executive Director
Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid
550 High Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Drew Snyder:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number MS-23-0017-CHIP, submitted on December 18, 2023, has been approved. Through this SPA, Mississippi has demonstrated compliance with the longstanding requirement in regulations at 42 CFR §§ 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) to cover age-appropriate vaccines. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Current regulations at 42 CFR §§ 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) require states to cover age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP without cost sharing. The state provided the necessary assurances to demonstrate compliance with both requirements.

Your Project Officer is Joshua Bougie. He is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. His contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Sarah deLone/

Sarah deLone
Director

TEMPLATE FOR CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: Mississippi
(Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))

/s/
(Signature of Governor, or designee, of State/Territory, Date Signed)

submits the following Child Health Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of the approved Child Health Plan, the requirements of Title XXI and XIX of the Act (as appropriate) and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.

The following State officials are responsible for program administration and financial oversight (42 CFR 457.40(c)):

Name: Drew Snyder	Position/Title: Executive Director, MS Div. of Medicaid
Name: Cindy Bradshaw	Position/Title: Deputy Administrator, Office of Eligibility
Name: Jennifer Wentworth	Position/Title: Deputy Administrator, Office of Finance
Name: Trip Polles	Position/Title: Senior Director of Legislative and
External Affairs	

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Where the state's assurance is requested in this document for compliance with a particular requirement of 42 CFR 457 et seq., the state shall place a check mark to affirm that it will be in compliance no later than the applicable compliance date.

Proposed State plan amendments should be submitted electronically and one signed hard copy to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at the following address:

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Baltimore, Maryland 21244
Attn: Children and Adults Health Programs Group
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
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Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA); clarification of enrollee coverage provided in an emergency department.

Amendment #9 submitted: February 9, 2015 Implemented January 1, 2015 To reflect the change in operation of the separate CHIP health plan to two (2) contracted MCOs.

Amendment #10 submitted: January 9, 2018 Implemented: October 1, 2019 To include a Health Services Initiative offering expanded vision services to low-income children throughout the state.

Amendment #11 submitted: May 7, 2019 Implemented: July 1, 2018 To demonstrate compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act (MHPAEA) final rule.

Amendment #12: MS SPA 19-0012-CHIP Effective Date: July 1, 2018 To include managed care requirements.

Amendment #13: MS SPA 20-0013-CHIP Submitted: January 31, 2020 To change the benchmark from the Mississippi School Employee's Health Insurance Plan to a Medicaid "like" State Plan Effective: November 1, 2019 State and

Amendment #14: MS SPA 20-0014-CHIP Disaster Relief Submitted: June 29, 2020 To implement temporary adjustments to enrollment and redetermination during Governor or federally-declared disasters and waive certain cost-sharing during the COVID-19 emergency Effective: March 18, 2020

Amendment # 15: MS SPA 20-0015-CHIP Behavioral Health: The purpose of this SPA is to comply with section 5022 of the SUPPORT Act in areas related to coverage of behavioral health screening, prevention and treatment services, strategies to facilitate use of appropriate screening and assessment tools and the requirement that these services be provided in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Effective: August 30, 2021

Amendment # 15: MS SPA 23-0015-CHIP American Rescue Plan Submitted: The purpose of this SPA is to demonstrate compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act provisions that require states to cover treatment (including treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment), testing, and vaccinations for COVID-19 without cost sharing in CHIP.

Effective: March 11, 2021

Amendment # 16: MS SPA 23-0016-CHIP Postpartum The purpose of this SPA is to provide continuous 12-month postpartum coverage for pregnant women in CHIP. Effective April 1, 2023.

Amendment # 17: MS SPA 23-0017-CHIP Vaccine Attestation

The purpose of this SPA is to comply with the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) requirement to attest to the coverage of all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines and their administration in the CHIP program

Effective October 1, 2023

1.4-TC Tribal Consultation.

Although notice was not required, the Tribe was notified via email of the submission of this CHIP SPA on August 31, 2023, and the Tribe provided no comments.

6.5-Vaccine coverages

6.5.1- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income children.

The State provides coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), without cost sharing. (Section 2103(c)(1)(D)) (42CFR 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4)).

6.5.2- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income pregnant individuals.

The State provides coverage for approved adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP, and their administration, without cost sharing. (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023); (Section 2103(c)(12))

6.5.3-Vaccine coverage for from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population option.

The state provides coverage for age appropriate (child or adult) vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP, without cost- sharing, to benefit the unborn child.