



All-State Medicaid & CHIP Call

April 13, 2021



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April 13, 2021 Agenda

- Overview of Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)
- Open Mic Q and A

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- The ARP was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.
- The ARP is the biggest investment in health coverage since the Affordable Care Act and has many provisions that affect Medicaid, CHIP, and BHP.

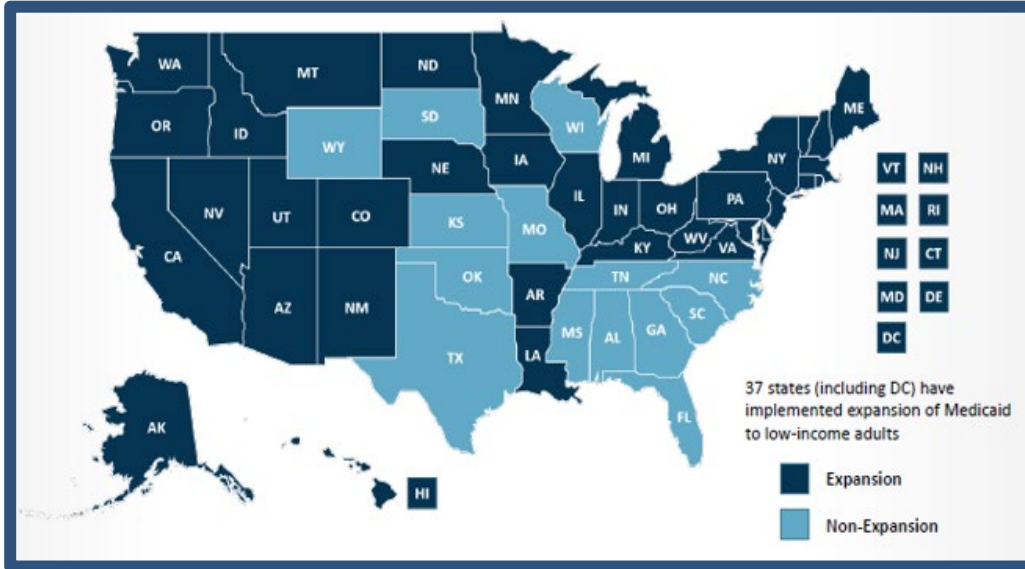
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- **Section 9811 and Section 9821:** Mandatory Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccines, Vaccine Administration, Testing and Treatment
 - The ARP closed COVID-19 vaccine administration coverage gaps
 - 100% FMAP for state expenditures on COVID-19 vaccines and their administration
- **Section 9817:** Temporary additional support for home and community-based services
 - Additional 10 percentage point FMAP
 - Must supplement existing state funds for HCBS

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Medicaid Adult Coverage Expansion as of October 2020*



*Oklahoma has approved state plan amendments to implement expansion on 7/1/21.

- **Section 9814:** Temporary increase in FMAP for certain expenditures in states that newly adopt the Medicaid expansion to cover the entire Adult Group
 - FMAP increase of 5 percentage points for up to 8 quarters
 - CMS discussed estimates of the increase in federal funds states may see on the March 30, 2021 All State Call
- **Section 9815:** Extension of 100 Percent FMAP for medical assistance expenditures for services received through certain Urban Indian Health Organizations and Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems

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Unemployment Assistance Related Provisions That Impact Eligibility

| Provision in the ARP | Impact on MAGI Methodologies | Impact on Non-MAGI Methodologies |
|--|--|--|
| Section 9011: Extension of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance | This is countable income | This is countable income |
| Section 9013: Extension of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation | States must disregard payments | States must disregard payments |
| Section 9016: Extension of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation | This is countable income | This is countable income |
| Section 9042: Suspension of Tax on Portion of Unemployment Compensation | CMCS is still evaluating the impact on 2020 eligibility. For 2021 or later, this provision has no impact on MAGI | Does not impact the treatment of unemployment compensation |

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Tax Credits That Impact Eligibility

| Provision in the ARP | Impact on MAGI Methodologies | Impact on Non-MAGI Methodologies |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| Sections 9611 and 9612: Child Tax Credit Improvements for 2021 | This is not countable income | This is not countable income, but after 12 months, would count as a resource |
| Sections 9621 through 9626: Strengthening the Earned Income Tax Credit | This is not countable income | This is not countable income, but after 12 months, would count as a resource |
| Section 9631: Refundability and Enhancement of Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit | This is not countable income | This is not countable income, but after 12 months, would count as a resource |

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Other Assistance Provided that Impacts Eligibility

| Provision in the ARP | Impact on MAGI Methodologies | Impact on Non-MAGI Methodologies |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Section 9632: Increase in exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance | This will reduce MAGI-based income | No impact |
| Section 9675: Modification of treatment of student loan forgiveness | This will reduce MAGI-based income | No impact |
| Section 3201: Emergency rental assistance | This is not countable income | CMCS is still evaluating* |
| Section 3206: Homeowner assistance fund | This is not countable income | CMCS is still evaluating* |
| Section 4006: Funeral assistance | This is not countable income | This is not countable income |

*To the extent the assistance from these sources might possibly be countable for individuals whose eligibility is based on non-MAGI methodologies, states could elect to disregard the assistance for such individuals.

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Marketplace Provisions Effective Immediately

- While these provisions do not impact eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP or the Basic Health Program (BHP), they will impact the calculation of federal payments for the BHP in states that operate a BHP.
 - **Section 9661:** Improving affordability by expanding premium assistance for consumers
 - **Section 9662:** Temporary modification of limitations on reconciliation of tax credits for coverage under a Qualified Health Plan with advance payments of such credits
 - **Section 9663:** Application of premium tax credit in case of individuals receiving unemployment compensation during 2021

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Medicaid & CHIP Provisions with Future Applicability Dates



- **Section 9813:** Enhanced FMAP for community-based mobile crisis intervention services
 - 85% FMAP for certain expenditures during each of the first 12 fiscal quarters occurring during the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027 in which a state meets the requirements in the statute
 - Opportunities for state planning grants
- **Sections 9812 and 9822:** Extension of coverage for pregnant and postpartum women
 - Beginning April 1, 2022, states can extend coverage for a full 12 months postpartum
 - Requires coverage of full state plan benefits and may only be elected for a five year period

Questions
