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May 15, 2023

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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment DE-22-0011

Dear Theodore G. Mermigos, Jr,

On September 30, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Delaware State Plan Amendment (SPA) DE-22-0011, 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 Delaware State Plan Amendment (SPA) DE-22-0011 with an effective date(s) of July 01, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Talbatha Myatt at talbatha.myatt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Hughes

Acting Director, Division of Program
Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Delaware

Medicaid Agency Name: Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives In compliance with the CMS SHO 21-007, DMMA has elected to implement options which will allow extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months for Medicaid and DHCP recipients. The 12-month postpartum period will begin on the last day of a beneficiary's pregnancy and extend through the end of the month in which the 12-month period ends. Individuals will be entitled to the extended postpartum coverage regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends. Extending this benefit will provide needed medical services to Medicaid and DHCP recipients.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation


Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$0
Second	2024	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 C.F.R. § 435.116
(2105(a)(4)(A) of the SSA
42 CFR 457.342
435.926; 2107(e)(1)(J)
1902(e)(16) of the SOA

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

Summary of Comments DMMA received support of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan, with a particular focus on how postpartum continuous eligibility not only improves maternal health but also that of infants and children. DMMA is pleased to provide the opportunity to receive public comments and greatly appreciates the thoughtful input given by:

- Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania's Policy Lab
- American Lung Association in Delaware

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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Extended Postpartum Coverage

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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).

Yes

No

- This extension does not apply to pregnant individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.
- 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.
- 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:
 - The individual requests voluntary termination of eligibility;
 - The individual ceases to be a resident of the state;
 - 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
 - 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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