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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0006**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
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## **Managed Care Group**

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July 12, 2023

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Re: Georgia State Plan Amendment (SPA) GA-23-0006

Dear Ms. Rhodes:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed review of Georgia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number GA-23-0006 submitted on May 24, 2023. The purpose of this SPA is to add the Pathways beneficiaries as a mandatory population enrolled in managed care.

We conducted our review of this amendment according to statutory requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing Federal regulations. This letter is to inform you that Georgia Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number GA-23-0006 is approved effective July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tara Smith Porcher at 212-616-2418 or via email at [tara.porcher@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:tara.porcher@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks  
Director  
Division of Managed Care Operations

cc: Melonie Watson, DCH  
Sabrina Tillman-Boyd, CMS  
Etta Hawkins, CMS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 3 0 0 0 6</u>	2. STATE <u>GA</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
July 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
Section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 24 \$ 0  
b. FFY 25 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
Attachment 3.1-F(i), Page 6

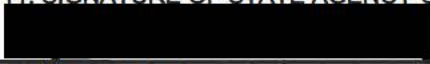
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Adding the Pathways to Coverage 1115 Waiver Participants as a population that is mandatorily enrolled in Managed Care.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  


12. TYPED NAME  
Lynnette R. Rhodes

13. TITLE  
Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans Division


14. DATE SUBMITTED  
5/24/2023

15. RETURN TO  
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16. DATE RECEIVED May 24, 2023	17. DATE APPROVED July 12, 2023
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL July 1, 2023	19. SIGNATURE 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Bill Brooks	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Managed Care Operations

22. REMARKS

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Citation	Condition or Requirement
	<p><i>income limit pursuant to Section 1925.</i></p> <p><b><u>Pregnant Women (Right from the Start Medicaid – RSM)</u></b> - Pregnant women with family income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level who receive Medicaid through the RSM program. Pursuant to section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(iv) and 1902(1)(1)(A) and 1902(e)(5).</p> <p><b><u>Children (Right from the Start Medicaid RSM)</u></b> - Children under age nineteen (19) whose family income is at or below the appropriate percentage of the federal poverty level for their age and family, pursuant to section 1902(1)(1)(B) and 1902(1)(1)(C) and 1902(1)(1)(D).</p> <p><b><u>Children (newborn)</u></b> - Pursuant to section 1902(e)(4), a child born to a woman who is eligible Medicaid on the day the child is born.</p> <p><b><u>Breast and Cervical Cancer</u></b> – Pursuant to section 1902(1)(10)(ii)(xviii) women under 65 who have been screened through Title XV CDC screening and have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.</p> <p><b><u>Refugees</u></b> - Those individuals who have the required INS documentation showing they meet a status in one of these groups: refugees, asylees, Cuban parolees/Haitian entrants, Amerasians or human trafficking victims.</p> <p><b><u>Georgia Pathways</u></b>- Pursuant to a section 1115 demonstration waiver, the population enrolled in <u>Georgia Pathways</u>.</p>
	<p>2. Mandatory exempt groups identified in 1932(a)(1)(A)(i) and 42 CFR 438.50.</p> <p>Use a check mark to affirm if there is voluntary enrollment any of the following mandatory exempt groups.</p>
1932(a)(2)(B) 42 CFR 438(d)(1)	i. <input type="checkbox"/> Recipients who are also eligible for Medicare.  If enrollment is voluntary, describe the circumstances of enrollment. (Example: Recipients who become Medicare eligible during mid-enrollment remain eligible for managed care and are not disenrolled into fee-for- service.)
1932(a)(2)(C) 42 CFR 438(d)(2)	ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Indians who are members of Federally recognized Tribes except when the MCO or PCCM is operated by the Indian Health Service or an Indian Health program operating under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement with the Indian Health Service pursuant to the Indian Self Determination Act; or an Urban Indian program operating under a contract or grant with