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RE: Activation of ending of premium policies approved in CHIP Disaster SPA 20-0010.

Dear Ms. Hines:

This activation letter serves as notification that, effective April 1, 2023, we are ending the premium related policies that were approved in CHIP Disaster SPA 20-0010. The temporary policies approved in the SPA are:

- During a State or Federally declared disaster period, at State discretion, premiums may be waived for CHIP applicants and/or beneficiaries who meet income and other eligibility requirements and who reside and/or work in a State or Federally declared disaster areas and who request a hardship waiver. (Provision 8.2).
- During a State or Federally declared disaster period, at state discretion, CHIP coverage is available regardless of whether the family has paid their premium for existing beneficiaries who reside and/or work in a State or Federally declared disaster area. (Provision 8.7).
- During a State or Federally declared disaster period, at state discretion, the state may waive premium balance to reactivate coverage following a termination due to non-payment of premiums for those who request a hardship waiver. (Provision 8.7).

Massachusetts will resume collection of premiums; disenrollment for non-payment of premiums; and collection of past-due premium balances prior to enrolling individuals previously terminated for non-payment only for beneficiaries who have had a renewal in the last 12 months, and the state will resume these policies on a rolling basis as renewals are completed during the unwinding period, scheduled to end on May 31, 2024. Effective June 1, 2024 the state will resume the standard,

approved state plan premium policies. Timely and adequate written notice and rights to the CHIP review process are issued to beneficiaries approximately 30 days (exact timing is dependent on where in the billing cycle the premium invoice date falls) prior to resuming CHIP premiums; disenrollment for non-payment of premiums; and collection of past-due premium balances prior to enrolling individuals previously terminated for non-payment.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kaela Konefal, State Plan Coordinator at StatePlanAmendments@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Mike Levine/

Mike Levine

cc: Marie DiMartino, CMS Division of Medicaid Field Operations