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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Dr. Harris:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) AL-20-0019-CEN, submitted on February 26, 2020, with additional information submitted on June 24, 2021, has been approved. This amendment has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

Through this SPA, Alabama amends its previously approved CS15 SPA to account for reasonably predictable increases and decreases in income for individuals with income that is likely to fluctuate. The methodology used to account for and verify reasonably predictable changes in income is identical to the methodology used in the state's Medicaid program, as approved under Medicaid SPA AL-20-0012 on May 28, 2021. A copy of the approved CS15 state plan page is attached and should be incorporated into the state's approved CHIP state plan. This page supersedes the previous CS15 that was approved on April 21, 2014.

Your title XXI project officer is Jack Mirabella. They are available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Their contact information is as follows:

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If you have any 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 Amy Lutzky/

Amy Lutzky
Deputy Director



CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

CS15

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.315

- The CHIP Agency will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies for all separate CHIP covered groups, as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(b) through (i).

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for enrollees determined eligible for CHIP on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014 or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later.

If the state covers pregnant women, in determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size.
- Projected annual household income for the remaining months of the current calendar year and family size.

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of the reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

- The CHIP Agency certifies that it has submitted and received approval for the conversion for all separate CHIP covered group income standards to MAGI-equivalent standards.

An attachment is submitted.



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