



May 10, 2023

Mr. Joshua Bougie  
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Re: Evergreen SPA Activation Letter

Dear Mr. Bougie:

According to the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Public Health Emergency ends May 11, 2023. We are aware that the flexibilities approved for Georgia by CMS will end on that date.

Georgia has an approved evergreen relief SPA which includes the following flexibilities: delay applications/renewals and other changes in circumstances and waive premiums and copayments for our CHIP enrollees.

Please accept this letter as notice that Georgia has elected to begin our unwinding period on April 1, 2023. We have resumed processing renewals beginning April 1, 2023. We would like to activate our Evergreen SPA beginning May 12, 2023, and continue to waive premium payments through December 31, 2023. Effective January 1, 2024, Georgia will resume the collection of premiums for all enrollees who have had a renewal within the last 12 months (including new enrollees). The state will resume the collection of premiums on a rolling basis as renewals are conducted through the state's COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, scheduled to end May 30, 2024. Upon renewal, each enrollee will be provided adequate and timely written notice that will include how the State determined eligibility, as well as their right and how to appeal the States decision. Effective June 1, 2024, the state will resume standard approved CHIP policies and processes except for imposing co-payments on any service, which will be waived through September 30, 2024, per Georgia State Plan: GA-2022-0031.

The States also attests that it will waive collecting cost sharing for COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment through September 30, 2024, required under Section 9821 of the American Rescue Plan.



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Thank you in advance in assisting us with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: 470-217-0605 or my email address at: [stashlaw@dch.ga.gov](mailto:stashlaw@dch.ga.gov) for any questions or concerns relating to this letter.

Sincerely,

/Signed by Stefanie  
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