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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: MA-14-0005

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The complete title XXI state plan for Massachusetts consists of the most recent state plan posted on Medicaid.gov under CHIP and State Plan Amendments. The link is provided below. The following approved templates are in addition to, or replace sections of the state's posted current state plan. The attached approval letter(s) explain how these templates fit into that state plan.

Link to state title XXI state plans and amendments: <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Childrens-Health-Insurance-Program-CHIP/CHIP-State-Program-Information.html>

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Dear Ms. Callahan:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number MA-14-0005 submitted on February 11, 2014, and related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

The SPA number MA-14-0005 describes the state's plan to provide coverage to children who would otherwise be subject to section 2101(f) of the Affordable Care Act, as specified in the state's submission of page CS14. Under the Massachusetts 1115 demonstration waiver ("MassHealth"), prior to January 1, 2014, the state used gross income to determine eligibility for all children in Medicaid and CHIP. These income limits were not converted to MAGI standards, and as a result, the state expects that no children in the state will lose Medicaid eligibility due to the elimination of income disregards. A copy of the approved CS14 is attached, and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under section 4.1 of Massachusetts' approved CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Mr. Burian's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Burian and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's address is:

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Congratulations on the approval. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Barbara K. Richards, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5920.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Eliot Fishman.

Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Richard McGreal, ARA, CMS Region I, Boston

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Summary

Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory Massachusetts

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Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

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Type of SPA:

- MAGI Eligibility & Methods
- XXI Medicaid Expansion
- Establish 2101(f) Group
- Eligibility Processing
- Non-Financial Eligibility

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

Section 2101(f) of the ACA and 42 CFR 457.310(d)

Federal Budget Impact

- This SPA has a budget impact.

Total budget impact:

State Funds: \$

Federal Funds: \$

Subject of Amendment

Please provide a brief summary of SPA changes.

Character Count: 657 out of 2000

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Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Alison Kirchgasser

Last Revision Feb 11, 2014

Date:

Submit Date: Feb 11, 2014



CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards CS14

Section 2101(f) of the ACA and 42 CFR 457.310(d)

Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards

The CHIP agency provides coverage for this group of children as follows:

The state has received approval from CMS to maintain Medicaid eligibility for children who would otherwise be subject to Section 2101(f) such that no child in the state will be subject to this provision.

The state assures that separate CHIP coverage will be provided for children ineligible for Medicaid due to the elimination of income disregards in accordance with 42 CFR 457.310(d). Coverage for this population will cease when the last child protected from loss of Medicaid coverage as a result of the elimination of income disregards has been afforded 12 months of coverage in a separate CHIP (expected to be no later than April 1, 2016).

Describe the methodology used by the state to identify and enroll children in a separate CHIP who are subject to the protection afforded by Section 2101(f) of the Affordable Care Act:

The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all children qualifying for section 2101(f) protection will qualify for the state's existing separate CHIP.

The state will enroll all children in a separate CHIP who lose Medicaid eligibility because of an increase in family income at their first renewal applying MAGI methods.

The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP whose family income falls above the converted MAGI Medicaid FPL but at or below the following percentage of FPL. The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all or almost all the children who would have maintained Medicaid eligibility if former disregards were applied will be within this income range and therefore covered in the separate CHIP.

% FPL .

The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP who are found to be ineligible for Medicaid based on MAGI but whose family income has not increased since the child's last determination of Medicaid eligibility or who would have remained eligible for Medicaid (based on the 2013 Medicaid income standard) if the value of their 2013 disregards had been applied to the family income as determined by MAGI methodology.

Other.

The state will identify children protected by Section 2101(f) and enroll such children in a separate CHIP based on the following methodology and procedures as approved by CMS.

Prior to January 1, 2014, Massachusetts under its 1115 Demonstration Waiver used gross income to determine eligibility for all children in Medicaid and CHIP groups. When converted to MAGI standards, the income limits for children in Medicaid and CHIP did not change. Given this, no children in the state will lose Medicaid eligibility due to the elimination of income disregards.

Describe the benefits provided to this population:

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- This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's Medicaid program.
- This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's separate CHIP.
- Other (consistent with Section 2103 of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart D).

Describe premiums and cost sharing required of this population:

- Cost sharing is the same as for children in the Medicaid program.
- Premiums and cost sharing are the same as for targeted low-income children in the state's separate CHIP.
- No premiums, copayments, deductibles, coinsurance or other cost sharing is required.
- Other premiums and/or cost-sharing requirements (consistent with Section 2103(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart E).

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