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**State/Territory Name: Montana**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: MT-13-0012**

**(In addition to the SPA noted above, this package contains other state plan amendment approvals)**

This file contains the following documents in the order listed:

- 1) Approval Letter
- 2) SPA Summary Form
- 3) Approved SPA Pages
- 4) Additional Attachments that are part of the state plan

The complete title XXI state plan for Montana 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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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Ms. Mary E. Dalton  
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Dear Ms. Dalton:

I am pleased to inform you that your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendments (SPA) MT-13-0011, MT-13-0012 and MT-13-0014, submitted on August 28, 2013 and related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility have been approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

**XXI Medicaid Expansion:**

SPA number MT-13-0011 converts the state's existing income eligibility standard to a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)-equivalent standard, by age group, for children covered in its title XXI-funded Medicaid program. A copy of the approved state plan page (CS3) is attached, and should be incorporated into Montana's approved CHIP state plan. This page supersedes the current Medicaid expansion Section 4.0 of the current CHIP state plan.

**Establish 2101(f) Group:**

SPA number MT-13-0012 describes the state's plan to provide coverage in its separate CHIP, as specified in the state's submission of CS14: Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards. A copy of the approved state plan page (CS14) is attached, and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.1 of Montana's approved CHIP state plan.

**Non-Financial Eligibility:**

SPA number MT-13-0014 is approved to clarify the state's non-financial eligibility policies on residency; citizenship; social security numbers; and continuous eligibility. We are approving this SPA in the absence of state plan page CS20. The state's non-financial eligibility policy on substitution of coverage will be submitted when the state legislature has met and approved the change to the waiting period. Copies of the approved state plan pages are attached and these approved pages supersede sections of Montana's current state plan as laid out below:

New State Plan Page	Impact on Current State Plan Section
CS17: Non-Financial Eligibility – Residency	Section 4.1.5
CS18: Non-Financial Eligibility – Citizenship	Section 4.1.0; 4.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR
CS19: Non-Financial Eligibility – Social Security Number	Section 4.1.9.1
CS27: General Eligibility – Continuous Eligibility	Section 4.1.9.2

Your Title XXI project officer is Ms. Joyce Jordan. She is available to answer questions concerning these amendments and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Jordan's contact information is as follows:

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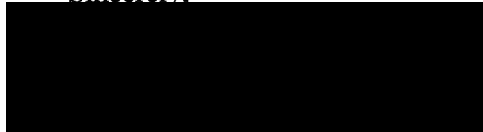
If you have questions or wish to discuss this determination further, please contact Mr. Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Denver Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Denver Regional Office  
Colorado State Bank Building  
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Denver, Colorado 80202-4967

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. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-5143.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Elliot Fishman  
Director

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## Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility

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### Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility: Summary Page

State/Territory name: Montana

**Transmittal Number:**

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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**
 (mm/dd/yyyy)
**Federal Statute/Regulation Citation**

**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: 232 out of 2000

**Signature of State Agency Official**

Submitted By: Jo Thompson

Last Revision Date: Oct 31, 2013

Submit Date: Aug 28, 2013

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cc: Richard Allen, ARA, CMS Region VIII, Denver



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**Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program** **CS3**

42 CFR 457.320(a)(2) and (3)

Income eligibility for children under the Medicaid Expansion is determined in accordance with the following income standards:

There should be no overlaps or gaps for the ages entered.

Age and Household Income Ranges

	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	
<b>+</b>	6	19	109	143	<b>X</b>

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## 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.

261 % 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.

Describe the benefits provided to this population:

- 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.

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- 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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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Residency

CS17

42 CFR 457.320

### Residency

- The CHIP Agency provides CHIP to otherwise eligible residents of the state, including residents who are absent from the state under certain conditions.

A child is considered to be a resident of the state under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized child, if capable of indicating intent and who is emancipated or married, if the child is living in the state and:
  1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or
  2. Has entered the state with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- A non-institutionalized child not described above and a child who is not a ward of the state:
  1. Residing in the state, with or without a fixed address, or
  2. The state of residency of the parent or caretaker, in accordance with 42 CFR.435.403(h)(1), with whom the individual resides.
- An institutionalized child, who is not a ward of the state, if the state is the state of residence of the child's custodial parent or caretaker at the time of placement, or
- A child who is a ward of the state regardless of where the child lives, or
- A child physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the child's actual state of residence.

If the state covers pregnant women, a pregnant woman is considered to be a resident under the following conditions:

- A non-institutionalized pregnant woman who is living in the state and:
  1. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or if incapable of indicating intent, is living in the state, or
  2. Entered with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.
- An institutionalized pregnant woman placed in an out-of-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, including foster care homes, by an agency of the state, or
- An institutionalized pregnant woman residing in an in-state-institution, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, whether or not the individual established residency in the state prior to entering the institution, or
- A pregnant woman physically located in the state when there is a dispute with one or more states as to the pregnant woman's actual state of residence.

The state has in place related to the residency of children and pregnant women (if covered by the state):



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One or more interstate agreement(s).  No

A policy related to individuals in the state only for educational purposes.  No

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Citizenship

CS18

Sections 2105(c)(9) and 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.320(b)(6), (c) and (d)

### Citizenship

The CHIP Agency provides CHIP eligibility to otherwise eligible citizens and nationals of the United States and certain non-citizens,  including the time period during which they are provided with reasonable opportunity to submit verification of their citizenship, national status or satisfactory immigration status.

The CHIP Agency provides eligibility under the Plan to otherwise eligible individuals:

Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or

Who are qualified non-citizens as defined in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. §1641), or whose eligibility is required by section 402(b) of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1612(b)) and is not prohibited by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or

Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or an individual having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, nationality, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of 1903(x), 1137(d), and 1902(ee) of the Act, and 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 956 and 457.380.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period if the individual is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

Yes

The agency begins to furnish benefits to otherwise eligible individuals during the reasonable opportunity period on a date earlier than the date the notice is received by the individual.

Yes

The date benefits are furnished is:

- The date of application containing the declaration of citizenship or immigration status.
- The date the reasonable opportunity notice is sent.
- Other date, as described:

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible children up to age 19, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the SSA (Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3).

Yes

Otherwise eligible children means children meeting the eligibility requirements of targeted low-income children with the exception of non-citizen status.

The CHIP Agency provides assurance that lawfully residing children are also covered under the state's Medicaid program.



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The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant women, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 214 of CHIPRA 2009, P.L. 111-3. The state may not select this option unless the state also elects to cover lawfully residing children. A state may not select this option unless the state also covers Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.

No

- An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and meets state residency requirements.
- An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if he or she is:
  1. A qualified non-citizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);
  2. A non-citizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));
  3. A non-citizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
  4. A non-citizen who belongs to one of the following classes:
    - (i) Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C. 1160 or 1255a, respectively;
    - (ii) Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
    - (iii) Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);
    - (iv) Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;
    - (v) Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;
    - (vi) Granted Deferred Action status;
    - (vii) Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;
    - (viii) Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;
  5. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C. 1231, or under the Convention Against Torture, who:
    - (i) Has been granted employment authorization; or
    - (ii) Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
  6. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
  7. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(J);
  8. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or
  9. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)).



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10. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (1) through (9) of this definition.

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Social Security Number

CS19

42 CFR 457.340(b)

### Social Security Number

As a condition of eligibility, the CHIP Agency must require individuals who have a social security number or are eligible for one as determined by the Social Security Administration, to furnish their social security number, or numbers if they have more than one number.

- The CHIP Agency requires individuals, as a condition of eligibility, to furnish their social security number(s), with the following exceptions:

Individuals refusing to obtain a social security number (SSN) because of well established religious objections, or

Individuals who are not eligible for an SSN, or

Individuals who are issued an SSN only for a valid non-work purpose.

- The CHIP Agency assists individuals, who are required to provide their SSN, to apply for or obtain an SSN from the Social Security Administration if the individual does not have or forgot their SSN.

- The CHIP Agency informs individuals required to provide their SSN:

By what statutory authority the number is solicited; and

How the state will use the SSN.

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it will verify each SSN furnished by an applicant or beneficiary with the Social Security Administration, not deny or delay services to an otherwise eligible applicant pending issuance or verification of the individual's SSN by the Social Security Administration and that the state's utilization of the SSNs is consistent with sections 205 and 1137 of the Social Security Act and the Privacy Act of 1974.

The state may request non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN, if the state meets the requirements below.

The state requests non-applicant household members to voluntarily provide their SSN.

- When requesting an SSN for non-applicant household members, the state assures that:
  - At the time such SSN is requested, the state informs the non-applicant that this information is voluntary and provides information regarding how the SSN will be used; and
  - The state only uses the SSN for determination of eligibility for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs, or for a purpose directly connected with the administration of the state plan.

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Continuous Eligibility

CS27

2105(a)(4)(A) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.342 and 435.926

The CHIP Agency may provide that children who have been determined eligible under the state plan shall remain eligible, regardless of any changes in the family's circumstances, during a continuous eligibility period up to 12 months, or until the time the child reaches an age specified by the state (not to exceed age 19), whichever is earlier.

The CHIP Agency elects to provide continuous eligibility to children under this provision.  Yes

For children up to age 19

For children up to age

The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends:

At the end of the  months continuous eligibility period.

Exceptions to the continuous eligibility period:

The child attains the age specified by the state Agency or age 19.

The child or child's representative requests voluntary disenrollment.

The child is no longer a resident of the state.

The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of Agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to child or child's representative.

The child dies.

There is a failure to pay required premiums or enrollment fees on behalf of a child, as provided for in the state plan.

Other

	Describe	
+	Child is covered under a group health plan or under health insurance coverage as defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act	X
+	Child is eligible for Medicaid	X

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