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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: NE-13-0011

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The complete title XXI state plan for Nebraska 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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Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director
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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid has approved Nebraska's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), NE-13-0011, submitted on December 30, 2013. This SPA incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements, including the single streamlined application, into Nebraska's CHIP State Plan, in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The state is using the model single streamlined paper application developed by the Secretary. Until December 31, 2014, Nebraska is using an interim alternative single streamlined online application and by December 31, 2014, will implement a revised online application that address CMS concerns outlined in the companion letter issued with this SPA approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the new state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Nebraska's approved CHIP state plan:

- CS24
- Attachment 1– Statement of use with respect to the alternative single, streamlined online application

This approval and the attachments supercede the following sections of the current CHIP State Plan:

- Section 4.3: Single, Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process
- Section 4.4: Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this State Plan Amendment. Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer

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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. James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's address is:

Mr. James Scott
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601 E. 12th Street, Suite 235
Kansas City, MO 64106

If you have additional questions, please contact Barbara K. Richards, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5920.

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

Sincerely,

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Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosure

cc:

James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Kansas City, Region 7



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RE: CS24 – Eligibility Process State Plan Amendment (SPA), NE-13-0011

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

This letter is being sent as a companion to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of CHIP State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number NE-13-0011, which was submitted to CMS on December 30, 2013. Our review of this submission included a review of the alternative single streamlined online applications developed by the state.

Until December 31, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined online application. By December 31, 2014, the state will implement a revised application incorporating the changes indicated below:

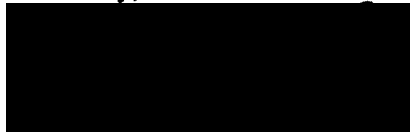
Necessary changes	Completion Date
Only applicants who do not appear eligible for Medicaid and CHIP based on income attestation will be asked information about access to employer-sponsored coverage, beyond what is needed for Medicaid and CHIP.	December 31, 2014
The application will ask whether a child applicant is living with a non-applicant parent, so as to be able to correctly include the parent in the household composition in accordance with 42 CFR 435.603.	December 31, 2014

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Please submit the revised alternative online application to CMS for review no later than December 1, 2014, to ensure approval by December 31, 2014. We continue to be available to provide technical assistance. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Victoria Collins at Victoria.Collins@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-2167.

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

Sincerely,



Barbara K. Richards
Acting Director
Division of State Coverage Programs

cc:

James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Kansas City, Region 7

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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: Nebraska

Transmittal Number:

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.

NE-13-0011

Type of SPA:

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

Proposed Effective Date

10/01/2013 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA; 42 CFR 457, subpart C; 457.110

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:35 out of 2000

Nebraska's eligibility process SPA.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Crystal Georgiana

Last Revision Date: Jun 10, 2014

Submit Date: Dec 30, 2013

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USE OF THE ALTERNATIVE SINGLE STREAMLINED APPLICATION

Paper Application

Online Application

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

NE-13-0011

STATE:

Nebraska

Through December 31, 2014, the state is using an interim alternative single streamlined application. After December 31, 2014, the state will use a revised alternative single streamlined application. The revised application will address the issues outlined in the CMS letter, which was issued with the approval of this state plan amendment, concerning the state's application. The revised application will be incorporated by reference into the state plan.



CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing

CS24

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457, subpart C

- The CHIP Agency meets all of the requirements of 42 CFR 457, subpart C for application processing, eligibility screening and enrollment.

Application Processing

Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard:

- The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act.
- An alternative single, stream lined application developed by the state and approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act.

An attachment is submitted.

- An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs.

An attachment is submitted.

- The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in CFR 457.340(a), by telephone, via mail, in person and other commonly available electronic means.

The agency accepts applications in the following other electronic means.

- Other electronic means:

	Name of method	Description	
+	Email	An applicant or beneficiary can email their application to the Medicaid agency.	X

Screen and Enroll Process

- The CHIP Agency has coordinated eligibility and enrollment screening procedures in place that are applied at time of initial application, periodic redeterminations, and follow-up eligibility determinations. The procedures ensure that only targeted low-income children are provided CHIP coverage and that enrollment is facilitated for applicants found to be potentially eligible for other insurance affordability programs.

Procedures include:



CHIP Eligibility

- Screening of application to identify all individuals eligible or potentially eligible for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs; and
- Income eligibility test, with calculation of household income consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 for individuals identified as potentially eligible for Medicaid or other insurance affordability programs based on household income; and
- Screening process for individuals who may qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than having household income at or below the applicable MAGI standard, based on information in the single streamlined application.

The CHIP agency has entered into an arrangement with the Exchange to make eligibility determinations for advanced premium tax credits in accordance with section 1943(b)(2) of the SSA.

No

Redetermination Processing

- Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 457.343:
 - Once every 12 months.
 - Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency.
- If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.

Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has adopted procedures to accept and process electronic accounts of individuals screened as potentially eligible for CHIP by other insurance affordability programs in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 457.348(b) and to determine eligibility in accordance with 42 CFR 457.340 in the same manner as if the application had been submitted directly to, and processed by the state.

- The CHIP Agency elects the option to accept CHIP eligibility decisions made by the Exchange or other agencies administering insurance affordability programs as provided in 42 CFR 457.348 and to furnish CHIP in accordance with requirements of 42 CFR 457.340 to the same extent and in the same manner as if the applicant had been determined by the state to be eligible for CHIP.

- The CHIP Agency has entered into an agreement with agencies administering other insurance affordability programs to fulfill the requirements of 457.348(b) and will provide this agreement to the Secretary upon request.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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