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June 13, 2024

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Dear Director Jacobs,

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number NJ-24-0034, submitted on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, has been approved. Through this SPA, New Jersey has demonstrated compliance with both the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Section 11405(b)(1) and the longstanding requirement in regulations at 42 CFR § 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) to cover age-appropriate vaccines. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Section 11405(b)(1) of the IRA requires states with separate CHIPs that include coverage for adults to provide coverage and payment for approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and their administration, without cost sharing. Current regulations at 42 CFR § 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) require states to cover age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP without cost sharing. The state provided the necessary assurances to demonstrate compliance with both requirements.

Your Project Officer is Shakia Singleton. She is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Division 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 Sarah deLone/

Sarah deLone  
Director

Section 1.4 cont'd

**SPA #22-0033 Elimination of premiums and waiting periods for NJ FamilyCare CHIP members** (updated sections 4.1.7, 4.3, 8 and 12.1 of the CHIP state plan)

**SPA #22-0032** (updated CS21 as NJ no longer collects premiums or implements a 90-day premium lock-out period)

**SPA #22-0033** (updated CS20 removing NJ's three-month waiting period)

The purpose of these SPAs is to eliminate premiums for NJ FamilyCare CHIP members and eliminate waiting periods for any applicant for the program who is otherwise eligible for enrollment.

Effective Date July 1, 2021

Implementation Date: July 1, 2021

SPA # 24-0034 CHIP Vaccine Assurance

Purpose of SPA: The state is assuring that it covers age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing.

Proposed effective date: October 1, 2023

Proposed implementation date: October 1, 2023

## 6.5-Vaccine coverages

Guidance: States are required to provide coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing. States that elect to cover children under the State plan (indicated in Section 4.1) should check box 6.5.1 States that elect to cover pregnant individuals under the State plan should also check box 6.5.2. States that elect to cover the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population (previously referred to as the “unborn”) option under the State plan should also check box 6.5.3.

**6.5.1- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income children.**  The State provides coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), without cost sharing. (Section 2103(c)(1)(D)) (42CFR 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4)).

**6.5.2- Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income pregnant individuals.**  The State provides coverage for approved adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP, and their administration, without cost sharing. (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023); (Section 2103(c)(12))

**6.5.3-Vaccine coverage for from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population option.**   
The state provides coverage for age appropriate (child or adult) vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP, without cost-sharing, to benefit the unborn child.

