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1902(e)(13) of
the Act

(e) Express Lane Option. The Medicaid State agency elects the option to rely on a finding from an Express Lane agency when determining whether a child satisfies one or more components of Medicaid eligibility. The Medicaid State agency agrees to meet all of the Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for this option. This authority may not apply to eligibility determinations made before February 4, 2009, or after September 30, 2013.

(1) The Express Lane option is applied to:

Initial determinations Redeterminations
 Both

(2) A child is defined as younger than age:

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(3) The following public agencies are approved by the Medicaid State agency as Express Lane agencies:

The Express Lane Agency will be the Maryland Office of the Comptroller. The State will use information from income tax records.

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- (4) The following component/components of Medicaid eligibility are determined under the Express Lane option. Also, specify any differences in budget unit, deeming, income exclusions, income disregards, or other methodology between Medicaid eligibility determinations for such children and the determination under the Express Lane option.

The State will use the Maryland taxpayer filing to verify two components of applicants' eligibility. Initially, tax information will be used to verify residency. The State will use information from the Office of the Comptroller to identify families with dependent children with incomes below 300 per cent of the Federal poverty level. The information will be used to target streamlined applications to these families.

The State also has legislative authority to use other components of the tax filing and, upon further evaluation and planning, will use the income information for applicants.

- (5) Check off and describe the option used to satisfy the Screen and Enroll requirement before a child may be enrolled under title XXI.

- (a) Screening threshold established by the Medicaid agency as:
- (i) ___ percentage of the Federal poverty level which exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points: specify _____; or
 - (ii) ___ percentage of the FPL (describe how this reflects the value of any differences between income methodologies of Medicaid and the Express Lane agency: _____); or

- (b) Temporary enrollment pending screen and enroll.

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- (c) State's regular screen and enroll process for CHIP.
- (6) Check off if the State elects the option for automatic enrollment without a Medicaid application, based on data obtained from other sources and with the child's or family's affirmative consent to the child's Medicaid enrollment.
- (7) Check off if the State elects the option to rely on a finding from an Express Lane agency that includes gross income or adjusted gross income shown by State income tax records or returns.

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