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The complete title XXI state plan for Maine 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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Stefanie Nadeau
State Medicaid Director
Office of MaineCare Services
Maine Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Ms. Nadeau:

I am writing 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 ME-17-0003, submitted on December 5, 2017, with an effective date of July 1, 2017.

This SPA allows CHIP eligibility for all children with access to public employee coverage on the basis of a family member's employment who are otherwise eligible targeted low-income children as defined at 42 CFR 457.310, provided that the child's household income meets the same income standards as those applied to targeted low-income children under the CHIP state plan. The state will provide this coverage under the hardship exception to the exclusion of employees of a public agency of a state, in accordance with section 2110(b)(6)(C) of the Social Security Act. The SPA ME-17-0003 supersedes the current information on dependents of public employees in the CHIP state plan.

In addition, the SPA adds an exception to the state's 90-day waiting period for a period of one year from the approval date of this SPA for children of state employees to enroll in CHIP. As such, this SPA supersedes the current information on waiting period exceptions in the current CHIP state plan and on page CS20.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Mary (Tess) Hines. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP related issues. Ms. Hines' contact information is:

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Amy Lutzky, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-0721. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on your program.

Sincerely,

/ Anne Marie Costello /

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Director

cc:

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

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ME-17-0003

Type of SPA:

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

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2018 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

Sec 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA

Federal Budget Impact

This SPA has a budget impact.

Total budget impact:

State Funds: \$ 24761.00

Federal Funds: \$ 1238549.00

Please attach a revised CHIP budget.

Document
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Subject of Amendment

Please provide a brief summary of SPA changes.

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Allows CHIP eligibility to children of state employees.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Reinhold Bansmer

Last Revision: Jan 23, 2018

Date:

Submit Date: Dec 5, 2017

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CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: ME - 17 - 0003

**Separate Child Health Insurance Program
Eligibility - Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage**

CS10

Sec. 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA

Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage - Otherwise eligible targeted low-income children who have access to public employee coverage on the basis of a family member's employment.

The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Select one of the following conditions as described in Section 2110(b)(6) of the Social Security Act:

- Maintenance of agency contribution as provided in 2110(b)(6)(B) of the SSA.
- Hardship criteria as provided in section 2110(b)(6)(C) of the Social Security Act.

Coverage under this option is extended to children whose household income is:

Select one of the options for the income standard when compared to Targeted Low Income Children

- The same as the standards for Targeted Low-Income Children
- Lower than the income standards for Targeted Low-Income Children

Indicate whether coverage under this option is extended to all children who have access to public employee coverage, or only certain children:

- All children who have access to public employee coverage
- Certain children who have access to public employee coverage:

Attach methodology the state has used to calculate financial hardship.

An attachment is submitted.

The state provides assurance that the state will, on an annual basis, recalculate the financial status to determine if the hardship condition continues to be met.

Children who are eligible for public employee health benefits coverage who are not described above are excluded from eligibility under the plan.

Children considered to have access to public employee coverage, and therefore not excluded from CHIP through this option, otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income child provided at 42 CFR 457.310.

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