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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 April 1, 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:

New Jersey Division of Taxation as allowed under CHIPRA Sec. 203(a)(13)(H)

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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.

Components of Medicaid eligibility under Express Lane option include: Budget unit, Health Insurance, Citizenship, and Identity. Under the Express Lane option, income is determined using the adjusted gross income available on the individual's most recent NJ State Tax filing. The earned income disregards, the child support disregard and child care deductions will not be used when calculating financial eligibility.

- (5) Check off which option is 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) 30 percentage of the Federal poverty level (exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points); or
  - (ii) \_\_\_ percentage of the Federal poverty level (that reflects the value of any differences between income methodologies of Medicaid and the Express Lane); or
- (b) Temporary enrollment pending screen and enroll.

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- (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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