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## Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

August 30, 2024

Michelle Probert  
Director  
Office of MaineCare Services  
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Augusta, ME 04330-0011

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment ME 24-0021

Dear Director Probert,

On June 20, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Maine State Plan Amendment (SPA) ME 24-0021 to adopt the 12-month continuous eligibility mandate for children, as enacted by Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

We approve Maine State Plan Amendment (SPA) ME 24-0021 with an effective date of April 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Gilson DaSilva at [gilson.dasilva@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:gilson.dasilva@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,  
James G. Scott  
Director, Division of Program Operations  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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### State Information

**State/Territory Name:** Maine

**Medicaid Agency Name:** Office of MaineCare Services

### Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
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## SPA ID and Effective Date

**SPA ID** ME-24-0021

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Continuous Eligibility for Children	4/1/2024	New

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### Executive Summary

**Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives** The purpose of this SPA is to update Maine's 12-months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 enrolled in Medicaid, in accordance with the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

### Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

#### Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$0
Second	2025	\$0

#### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.926

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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### Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

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## Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

### Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

#### Continuous Eligibility for Children

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The state provides continuous eligibility for children in accordance with the following provisions:

#### A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Hospitalized Children

The state provides Medicaid to a child eligible for and enrolled under the Infants and Children under Age 19 (42 CFR 435.118) eligibility group until the end of an inpatient stay for which inpatient services are covered, if the child:

1. Was receiving inpatient services covered by Medicaid on the date the child becomes ineligible under the eligibility group based on the child's age; and
2. Would remain eligible but for attaining such age.

#### B. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Children

The state provides continuous eligibility to all children under age 19 and that:

1. The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends the last day of the earlier of the following periods:

- a. The month that the child turns 19 years old;
- b. 12 months.

2. Continuous eligibility is provided to children eligible under all mandatory and optional eligibility groups (excluding Medically Needy) who would otherwise lose eligibility because of any change in circumstances, unless:

- a. The child dies;
- b. The child or the child's representative voluntarily requests a termination of the child's eligibility;
- c. The child ceases to be a resident of the state;
- d. The Medicaid agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; or
- e. The child attains the maximum age specified in B.

#### C. Additional Information (optional)

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