



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Olson:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendments (SPA) VA-21-0021 and VA-21-0027 submitted on July 12, 2021, have been approved. These CHIP SPAs extend coverage to unborn children whose mothers are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, or Virginia's existing CHIP programs—Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) for children and FAMIS MOMS for pregnant women. The unborn child coverage option—FAMIS Prenatal—provides comprehensive benefits that are identical to the benefit package provided to FAMIS MOMS to unborn children up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. In addition, CHIP SPA VA-21-0021 provides continuous eligibility for unborn children throughout the pregnancy until birth. Copies of the CS9 and CS27 are attached should be incorporated into Virginia's CHIP state plan. This SPA has an effective date of July 1, 2021.

The SPA VA-21-0027 also establishes a Health Services Initiative (HSI) to provide comprehensive coverage during the 60-day postpartum period for mothers of unborn children who receive FAMIS Prenatal services on a fee-for-service basis. Individuals enrolled in FAMIS Prenatal through a managed care plan will receive coverage during the 60-day postpartum period through a bundled payment. The SPA has an effective date of July 1, 2021.

Section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR §457.10 authorize use of title XXI administrative funding for expenditures for HSIs under the plan for improving the health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children. Consistent with section 2105(c)(6)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR §457.626, title XXI funds used to support an HSI cannot supplant Medicaid or other sources of federal funding.

The state shall ensure that the remaining title XXI administrative funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI to the administration of the CHIP program. The state shall report annually to CMS the expenditures funded by the HSI for each federal fiscal year.

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Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Ticia Jones. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have any questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Lutzky", written over a thin horizontal line.

Amy Lutzky
Deputy Director



CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Coverage From Conception to Birth **CS9**

42 CFR 457.10

Coverage From Conception to Birth - Coverage from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid.

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

Age Standard

From conception through birth.

Does the state have an additional age definition or other age-related conditions?

Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide.

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?

Statewide Income Standard

The statewide income standard is: From zero up to % FPL

Exempted from requirement of providing or applying for a Social Security Number.

Exempted from requirement of verifying citizenship status.

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CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Continuous Eligibility

CS27

2105(a)(4)(A) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.342 and 435.926

The CHIP Agency may provide that children who have been determined eligible under the state plan shall remain eligible, regardless of any changes in the family's circumstances, during a continuous eligibility period up to 12 months, or until the time the child reaches an age specified by the state (not to exceed age 19), whichever is earlier.

The CHIP Agency elects to provide continuous eligibility to children under this provision.

For children up to age 19

For children up to age

The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends:

At the end of the months continuous eligibility period.

Exceptions to the continuous eligibility period:

The child attains the age specified by the state Agency or age 19.

The child or child's representative requests voluntary disenrollment.

The child is no longer a resident of the state.

The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of Agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to child or child's representative.

The child dies.

There is a failure to pay required premiums or enrollment fees on behalf of a child, as provided for in the state plan.

Other

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Add	Virginia provides continuous eligibility for unborn children enrolled in FAMIS Prenatal through the pregnancy until birth and no longer than a period of 12 months. Children in FAMIS are not eligible for continuous eligibility.	Remove



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