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Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202

RE: Louisiana Title XXI State Plan
Transmittal No. 20-0005

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XXI State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.
Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Karen
Barnes at (225) 342-3881 or via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov.

Warmly,


_____, for
Stephen R. Russo, JD
Interim Secretary

Attachments (1)

SRR:EC:MVJ

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CHIP Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment

Purpose

To implement provisions for temporary adjustments to eligibility and enrollment policies for application and redetermination, cost sharing, prior authorization requirements, and tribal consultation process for children in families living in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or governor-declared disaster state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster/public health emergency, the State will notify the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the intent to provide these temporary adjustments, the effective dates of such adjustments, and the parishes/areas impacted by the disaster.

Proposed effective date: March 1, 2020

Proposed implementation date: March 1, 2020

1.4-TC Tribal Consultation (Section 2107(e)(1)(C)) Describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment, when it occurred and who was involved.

In the event of a state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency, the State may modify the tribal consultation process by shortening the number of days before submission of the SPA and/or conducting consultation after submission of the SPA.

4.3. Describe the methods of establishing eligibility and continuing enrollment. (Section 2102(b)(2)) (42CFR 457.350)

The methods of establishing eligibility and continuing enrollment will be the same as under Title XIX except for citizenship.

In the event of a state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency, the State may provide for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for non-citizens declaring to be in a satisfactory immigration status, if the non-citizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency is unable to complete the verification process within the 90-day reasonable opportunity period due to the state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency.

8.2. Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge by age and income (if applicable) and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42 CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) and (c), 457.515(a) and (c))

8.2.1 Premiums

In the event of a state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency, at the State's discretion, the premium lock-out policy is

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temporarily suspended and coverage is available regardless of whether the family has paid their outstanding premium for existing beneficiaries who reside and/or work in a state or federally declared disaster or public health emergency area.