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LA - Submission Package - LA2023MS0002O - (LA-23-0004) - Eligibility

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

June 09, 2023

Courtney Phillips
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA, LA 70802

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment LA-23-0004

Dear Courtney Phillips,

On March 31, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) LA-23-0004, in which the state proposed to adopt the changes to the eligibility rules for the Former Foster Care Children eligibility group, as enacted by the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act, Pub. L. No. 115-217, section 1002.

We approve Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) LA-23-0004 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tobias Griffin at 214-767-4425 or via email at tobias.griffin@cms.hhs.gov.

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

Submission - Summary

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SPA ID LA-23-0004

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The submission includes the following:

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Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Former Foster Care Children

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Individuals under the age of 26, who were in foster care and on Medicaid when they turned age 18 or aged out of foster care.

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The state covers the mandatory former foster care children group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are under age 26
2. Were in foster care upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21).
3. Are described under either Section B. or C.

B. Individuals Covered

For individuals who turn 18 before January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- a. Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - i. In foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - ii. Enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- b. Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to B.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- a. They were enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- b. They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- c. They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

C. Individuals Covered

For individuals who turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- a. Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - i. In foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - ii. Enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- b. Are not enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to C.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to a state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which that state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- a. They were enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- b. They were placed by a state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project when they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- c. They were placed by a state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

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D. Additional Information (optional)