



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

June 30, 2025

Courtney Miller, Director
CMS/Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 East 12th Street, Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: Louisiana Title XXI State Plan
Transmittal No. 25-0015

Dear Ms. Miller:

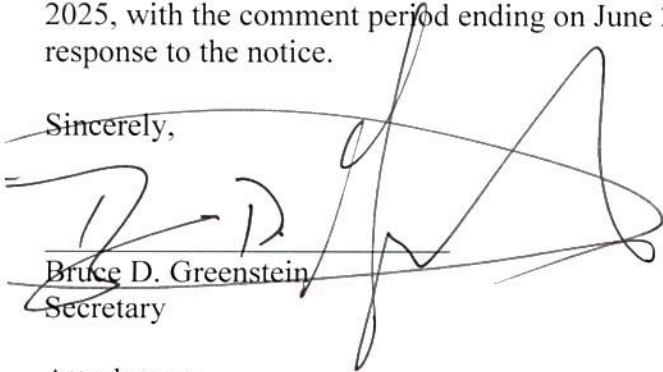
The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in order to remove the waiting period for those beneficiaries who had private insurance within the 90 days prior to application. This change is in accordance with CMS Final Rule [89 FR 22780](#).

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 Marjorie Jenkins at (225) 342-3881 or via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov.

Tribal notification around this State Plan action was issued to the Tribes on June 17, 2025, with the comment period ending on June 23, 2025. No comments were received in response to the notice.

Sincerely,


Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

Attachment

BG:KS:MJ

Amendment 35**LA SPA TN 25-0005-A****CHIP – Services to Incarcerated Youth**

Pursuant to the services for incarcerated youth requirements described in section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, this SPA implements required coverage for incarcerated youth in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Implementation date: January 1, 2025

Amendment 36**LA SPA TN 25-0015****CHIP – Substitution of Coverage**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend form CS20 in order to remove the waiting period for those beneficiaries who had private insurance within the 90 days prior to application.

This change is in accordance with CMS Final Rule 89 FR 22780.

Effective Date: June 3, 2025

Implementation date: June 3, 2025

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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.

On June 17, 2025, notification of the State’s intent to seek approval from CMS to amend the provisions governing the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in order to remove the waiting period for those beneficiaries who had private insurance within the 90 days prior to application in accordance with CMS Final Rule 89 FR 22780 was submitted to the Louisiana Tribes.

TN 25-0015 Approval Date:

Effective Date: June 3, 2025

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. The duration of the provisions may not exceed the duration of the state or federal disaster period.

Transmittal Number	SPA Group	PDF #	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
LA 16-0001 Effective April 20, 2016	Eligibility Processing	CS24	Assessment to FFM Determination State	Section 4.4.2
LA SPA TN 19-0010 Effective date: February 1, 2019	Eligibility Processing	CS18	Eliminates the Five-Year Waiting Period and Provides Coverage to Lawfully Residing Children Under the Age of 19.	4.1-LR and 4.1.1-LR
LA SPA TN 21-0017 Effective date: April 1, 2021	Eligibility	CS20	Substitution of Coverage	LA 14-0026
LA SPA TN 22-0010 Effective date: April 1, 2022	Eligibility	CS27	Continuous Eligibility	LA 14-0006
LA SPA TN 24-0005 Effective date: January 1, 2024	Eligibility	CS27	Continuous Eligibility	LA 22-0010
LA SPA TN 25-0003 Effective date: January 1, 2025	Eligibility	CS21	Premiums and Cost Sharing	LA 14-0006
LA SPA TN 25-0015 Effective date: June 3, 2025	Eligibility	CS20	Substitution of Coverage	LA 21-0017



CHIP Eligibility

State Name: Louisiana

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: LA - 25 - 0015

Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Substitution of Coverage

CS20

Section 2102(b)(3)(C) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.340(d)(3), 457.350(i), and 457.805

Substitution of Coverage

- ☒ The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has methods and policies in place to prevent the substitution of group health coverage or other commercial health insurance with public funded coverage. These policies include:

☐ Substitution of coverage prevention strategy:

Add	Name of policy	Description	Remove
Add	Coordination of Benefits (COB) Match	In addition to using employer-based coverage information provided on applications, Louisiana conducts a cross match with group health insurance providers through our third-party liability contractor to determine current and recent health insurance status. This match assists in verifying that the applicant is uninsured.	Remove

A waiting period during which an individual is ineligible due to having dropped group health coverage.

If the state elects to offer dental only supplemental coverage, the following assurances apply:

- ☐ The other coverage exclusion does not apply to children who are otherwise eligible for dental only supplemental coverage as provided in section 2110(b)(5) of the SSA.
- ☐ The waiting period does not apply to children eligible for dental only supplemental coverage.

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