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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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Ruth Kennedy  
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number LA-14-0002, submitted on January 17, 2014, and related Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility, with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

In SPA number LA-14-0002, page CS15 provides assurance that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups, using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds. The state indicates on page CS7 that it will cover targeted low-income children, and indicates on page CS9 that it will cover children from conception to birth when the mother is not eligible for Medicaid. Page CS13 indicates that the state elects to cover as deemed newborns children born to mothers enrolled as targeted low-income children in CHIP. A copy of the approved CS15 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under section 4.3 of the state's approved CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS7 and CS9 are attached and together supersede the current Geographic Area, Age and Income sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the current CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS13 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under section 4.3 of the state's approved CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Ms. Collins' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Collins and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks' address is:

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1301 Young Street, Room 714  
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Barbara K. Richards, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5920. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eliot Fishman".

Eliot Fishman  
Director

Enclosures

cc:  
Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI



# CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

## Separate Child Health Insurance Program MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

CS15

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.315

- The CHIP Agency will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodologies for all separate CHIP covered groups, as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(b) through (i).

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for enrollees determined eligible for CHIP on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014 or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later.

If the state covers pregnant women, in determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size.
- Projected annual household income for the remaining months of the current calendar year and family size.

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of the reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 457.315 and 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

- The CHIP Agency certifies that it has submitted and received approval for the conversion for all separate CHIP covered group income standards to MAGI-equivalent standards.

**An attachment is submitted.**

PRA Disclosure Statement

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 50 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.



# CHIP Eligibility

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Targeted Low-Income Children

CS7

2102(b)(1)(B)(v) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.310, 315 and 320

**Targeted Low-Income Children** - Uninsured children under age 19 whose household income is within standards established by the state.

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

### Age

Must be under age 19.

### Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide.  Yes

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?  No

### Statewide Income Standards

Begin with lowest age range first.

Please note that the lower bound for CHIP eligibility should be the highest standard used for Medicaid poverty-level children for the same age group or groups entered here.

	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	
<b>+</b>	0	19	212	250	<b>X</b>

Age ranges may overlap. If there is an overlap, provide an explanation. Include the age ranges for each income standard that has overlapping ages and the reason for having different income standards.

### Special Program for Children with Disabilities

Does the state have a special program for children with disabilities?  No

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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?  No

Income Standards

Income standards are applied statewide.  Yes

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?  No

Statewide Income Standard

The statewide income standard is: From zero up to  209 % FPL

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

Exempted from requirement of verifying citizenship status.

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## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Deemed Newborns

CS13

Section 2112(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.360

**Deemed Newborns** - Children born to targeted low-income pregnant women are deemed to have applied for and be eligible for CHIP or Medicaid until the child turns one.

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

The child was born to an eligible targeted low-income pregnant woman under section 2112 of the SSA.

The child is deemed to have applied for and been found eligible for CHIP or Medicaid, as appropriate, as of the date of the child's birth, and remains eligible without regard to changes in circumstances until the child's first birthday.

The state elects the following option(s):

The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered as a targeted low-income child under the state's separate CHIP on the date of the newborn's birth.

The state elects to recognize a child's deemed newborn status from another state and provides benefits in accordance with the requirements of section 2112(e) of the SSA.

The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered under Medicaid or CHIP through the authority of the state's section 1115 demonstration on the date of the newborn's birth.

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