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Ms. Ruth Kennedy
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number LA-14-0004, related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility, Establish 2101(f) Group, with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

SPA number LA-14-0004 describes the state's plan to provide coverage in its separate CHIP, for children subject to Section 2101(f) of the Affordable Care Act, as specified in the state's submission of CS14: Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards. A copy of the approved state plan page (CS14) is attached, and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.1 of Louisiana's approved CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. 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 (ARA) in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks' address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-5143. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Eliot Fishman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas



CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards CS14

Section 2101(f) of the ACA and 42 CFR 457.310(d)

Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards

The CHIP agency provides coverage for this group of children as follows:

- The state has received approval from CMS to maintain Medicaid eligibility for children who would otherwise be subject to Section 2101(f) such that no child in the state will be subject to this provision.

- The state assures that separate CHIP coverage will be provided for children ineligible for Medicaid due to the elimination of income disregards in accordance with 42 CFR 457.310(d). Coverage for this population will cease when the last child protected from loss of Medicaid coverage as a result of the elimination of income disregards has been afforded 12 months of coverage in a separate CHIP (expected to be no later than April 1, 2016).

Describe the methodology used by the state to identify and enroll children in a separate CHIP who are subject to the protection afforded by Section 2101(f) of the Affordable Care Act:

- The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all children qualifying for section 2101(f) protection will qualify for the state's existing separate CHIP.
- The state will enroll all children in a separate CHIP who lose Medicaid eligibility because of an increase in family income at their first renewal applying MAGI methods.

- The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP whose family income falls above the converted MAGI Medicaid FPL but at or below the following percentage of FPL. The state has demonstrated and CMS has agreed that all or almost all the children who would have maintained Medicaid eligibility if former disregards were applied will be within this income range and therefore covered in the separate CHIP.

% FPL

- The state will enroll children in a separate CHIP who are found to be ineligible for Medicaid based on MAGI but whose family income has not increased since the child's last determination of Medicaid eligibility or who would have remained eligible for Medicaid (based on the 2013 Medicaid income standard) if the value of their 2013 disregards had been applied to the family income as determined by MAGI methodology.
- Other.

Describe the benefits provided to this population:

- This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's Medicaid program.
- This population will be provided the same benefits as are provided to children in the state's separate CHIP.
- Other (consistent with Section 2103 of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart D).

Describe premiums and cost sharing required of this population:

- Cost sharing is the same as for children in the Medicaid program.



CHIP Eligibility

- Premiums and cost sharing are the same as for targeted low-income children in the state's separate CHIP.
- No premiums, copayments, deductibles, coinsurance or other cost sharing is required.
- Other premiums and/or cost-sharing requirements (consistent with Section 2103(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457 Subpart E).

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