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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 Louisiana's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), LA-14-0005 submitted on January 17, 2014. This SPA incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The approval of SPA LA-14-0005 includes approval for the state to utilize the model single streamlined paper and online applications developed by the Secretary. The state's paper and online applications meet the requirements to be considered model applications under the guidance issued June 18, 2013, regarding customization of the model application.

Enclosed is a copy of the following CS24 state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Louisiana's approved state plan:

- CS24
- Attachment 1 – State of Louisiana's single streamlined paper application
- Attachment 2 – State of Louisiana's single streamlined online application

This approval and the attachments supercede the following sections of the current CHIP State Plan:

- Section 4.3: Single Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process
- Section 4.4: Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

The CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this State Plan Amendment. 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. Brook's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact 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.

Sincerely,



Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosure:

cc:

Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region VI, Dallas



CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program General Eligibility - Eligibility Processing

CS24

2102(b)(3) & 2107(e)(1)(O) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457, subpart C

- The CHIP Agency meets all of the requirements of 42 CFR 457, subpart C for application processing, eligibility screening and enrollment.

Application Processing

Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard:

- The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act.
- An alternative single, stream lined application developed by the state and approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act.

An attachment is submitted.

- An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs.

An attachment is submitted.

- The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in CFR 457.340(a), by telephone, via mail, in person and other commonly available electronic means.

The agency accepts applications in the following other electronic means.

- Other electronic means:

	Name of method	Description	
+	Fax	Received by fax transmission	X

Screen and Enroll Process

- The CHIP Agency has coordinated eligibility and enrollment screening procedures in place that are applied at time of initial application, periodic redeterminations, and follow-up eligibility determinations. The procedures ensure that only targeted low-income children are provided CHIP coverage and that enrollment is facilitated for applicants found to be potentially eligible for other insurance affordability programs.

Procedures include:

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- Screening of application to identify all individuals eligible or potentially eligible for CHIP or other insurance affordability programs; and
- Income eligibility test, with calculation of household income consistent with 42 CFR 457.315 for individuals identified as potentially eligible for Medicaid or other insurance affordability programs based on household income; and
- Screening process for individuals who may qualify for Medicaid on a basis other than having household income at or below the applicable MAGI standard, based on information in the single stream lined application.

The CHIP agency has entered into an arrangement with the Exchange to make eligibility determinations for advanced premium tax credits in accordance with section 1943(b)(2) of the SSA.

Yes

Redetermination Processing

- Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 457.343:
 - Once every 12 months.
 - Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency.
- If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.

Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs

The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has adopted procedures to accept and process electronic accounts of individuals screened as potentially eligible for CHIP by other insurance affordability programs in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 457.348(b) and to determine eligibility in accordance with 42 CFR 457.340 in the same manner as if the application had been submitted directly to, and processed by the state.

The CHIP Agency elects the option to accept CHIP eligibility decisions made by the Exchange or other agencies administering insurance affordability programs as provided in 42 CFR 457.348 and to furnish CHIP in accordance with requirements of 42 CFR 457.340 to the same extent and in the same manner as if the applicant had been determined by the state to be eligible for CHIP.

Check all types of agencies that apply:

- The Exchange
- Medicaid
- Other agency administering insurance affordability programs

The CHIP Agency has entered into an agreement with agencies administering other insurance affordability programs to fulfill the requirements of 457.348(b) and will provide this agreement to the Secretary upon request.



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