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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), CA-14-0001-MC, related to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI). This SPA was submitted on June 3, 2014. The state subsequently submitted clarifying information on this SPA on October 13, 2014, August 19, 2015, and June 10, 2016. On August 11, 2016, California officially responded to a Request for Additional Information. The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2014.

California's existing separate CHIP consists of two components. The state covers children from conception to birth up to 317 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) under the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) on a statewide basis. In addition, the state operates the County Children's Health Initiative Program (CCHIP) in three counties (San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara) for children from age 0 up to age 19 above 261 percent of the FPL up to and including 317 percent of the FPL.

California experienced delays in the automation of MAGI based income methodologies in its eligibility system for the populations in its separate program as described above. The state worked with CMS on an ongoing basis to operate under a variety of mitigation strategies to address these requirements. Key mitigation strategies for these populations involved creating information links and providing outreach to families about these programs for populations applying through the Marketplace, and establishing system interfaces in order to apply MAGI business rules on a manual basis. The following dates specify when California moved from mitigation to compliance with MAGI, in accordance with 2107(e)(1)(O) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 457.315.

- Effective October of 2015, MCAP income methodologies were fully automated.
- Effective March of 2016, CCHIP income methodologies were fully automated.

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. A copy of the approved CS15 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.3 of the current CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS7 and CS9 are attached and together supersede the current Geographic Area and Age sections as well as the income standards in the Income section, which are Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2, and 4.1.3, respectively, of the current CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Stacey Green. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Green's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Green and Ms. Henrietta Sam-Louie, Associate Regional Administrator, in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Sam-Louie's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Amy Lutzky, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at 410-786-0721.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Henrietta Sam-Louie, ARA, CMS Region IX, San Francisco



CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: - - -

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

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.

Are there any exceptions, e.g. populations in a county which may qualify under either a statewide income standard or a county income standard?

Provide an explanation, include a description of the overlapping geographic area and the reason for having different income standards.

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)	
+	0	2	261	317	X

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.

Select a method of geographic variation:

Standard varies by county or city.



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Standard varies in some other geographic way.

You may enter one county if the county has an income standard that is unique to that county. If multiple counties share the same income standard, enter all the counties first, then enter the income standard that applies to those counties.

Counties	San Francisco, San Mateo & Santa Clara counties;				Remove
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)	
+	0	19	261	317	X
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.					
The 0-19 age range above 261% are the County Children's Health Initiative Program in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.					
					Add

Do you have any cities within your state which have their own separate income standards?

Special Program for Children with Disabilities

Does the state have a special program for children with disabilities?

Is the program available to all eligible targeted low-income children?

Program Description

Describe disability criteria used.

The California Children's Services (CCS) Program is California's Title V Children and Adolescents With Special Health Care Needs (CASHCNs) Program. CCS provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. Examples of CCS-eligible conditions include, but are not limited to, chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, heart disease, cancer, traumatic injuries, and infectious diseases producing major sequelae. Medi-Cal Access linked infants and the CCHIP children are eligible for CCS and Title XXI funds services for those children.

Describe program, including additional benefits offered.

The CCS Program is administered as a partnership between county health departments and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). CCS provides case management and authorization of services to CASHCNs who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries and to State-only beneficiaries who are not eligible for Medi-Cal. All Medi-Cal beneficiaries receive all Medi-Cal State Plan Benefits including the EPSDT benefit. Equivalent benefits are provided to the State-only beneficiaries. Currently, approximately 157,000 (91 percent) of CCS-eligible children are also Medi-Cal eligible. Of these children approximately 15% are Optional Targeted Low Income Children's Program beneficiaries who have been



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transitioned to Medi-Cal from the former Health Families Program and approximately 85% are categorical or medically needy Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Approximately 16,000 CCS children (9%) are State-only beneficiaries. The CCS state/county partnership also operates the school based CCS medical therapy program which directly provides occupational and physical therapy services in the schools to approximately 23,000 beneficiaries.

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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 % 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 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.

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