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Jacey Cooper
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Dear Ms. Cooper:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendments (SPAs), CA-22-0041, submitted on October 25, 2022, and CA-22-0068, submitted on December 21, 2022, have been approved. Through these SPAs, California reduces the amount for premiums and subscriber contributions to \$0. As a result, children with household incomes above 261 percent up to and including 317 percent of the federal poverty level are not charged any premiums. If the state increases its premiums in the future, it will submit a restrictive SPA. The effective date of the SPAs is July 1, 2022.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Sarah deLone
Director

- 1.4. Provide the effective (date costs begin to be incurred) and implementation (date services begin to be provided) dates for this SPA (42 CFR 457.65). A SPA may only have one effective date, but provisions within the SPA may have different implementation dates that must be after the effective date.

CA RESPONSE:

SPA # 22-0041 Purpose of SPA: To reduce the dollar amount for premiums and subscriber contributions imposed upon the separate CHIP populations to zero dollars. Also, to memorialize the removal of copays for the CCHIP population.

Proposed effective date: 07-01-2022

Proposed implementation date: 07-01-2022

- 8.1. Is cost-sharing imposed on any of the children covered under the plan? (42CFR 457.505) Indicate if this also applies for pregnant women. (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009)

- 8.1.1. Yes
8.1.2. No, skip to question 8.8.

As of July 1, 2022, California has reduced the amount for premiums and subscriber contributions to zero dollars (\$0).

- 8.2. Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge by age and income (if applicable) and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) and (c), 457.515(a) and (c))

- 8.2.1. Premiums:

CA RESPONSE:

As of July 1, 2022, California has reduced the amount for premiums and subscriber contributions to zero dollars (\$0).

- 8.2.3. Coinsurance or copayments:

CA RESPONSE:

Not applicable

- 8.5. Describe how the State will ensure that the annual aggregate cost-sharing for a family does not exceed 5 percent of such family's income for the length of the child's eligibility period in the State. Include a description of the procedures that do not primarily rely on a refund given by the State for overpayment by an enrollee: (Section 2103(e)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.560(b) and 457.505(e))

CA RESPONSE:

As of July 1, 2022, California has reduced the amount for premiums and subscriber contributions to zero dollars (\$0).

- 8.7. Provide a description of the consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a charge. (42CFR 457.570 and 457.505(c))

CA RESPONSE:

As of July 1, 2022, California has reduced the amount for premiums and subscriber contributions to zero dollars (\$0).

- 8.7.1. Provide an assurance that the following disenrollment protections are being applied:

Guidance: Provide a description below of the State's premium grace period process and how the State notifies families of their rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of premiums. (Section 2103(e)(3)(C))

- 8.7.1.1. State has established a process that gives enrollees reasonable notice of and an opportunity to pay past due premiums, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar fees prior to disenrollment. (42CFR 457.570(a))
- 8.7.1.2. The disenrollment process affords the enrollee an opportunity to show that the enrollee's family income has declined prior to disenrollment for non-payment of cost-sharing charges. (42CFR 457.570(b))
- 8.7.1.3. In the instance mentioned above, that the State will facilitate enrolling the child in Medicaid or adjust the child's cost-sharing category as appropriate. (42CFR 457.570(b))
- 8.7.1.4 The State provides the enrollee with an opportunity for an

impartial review to address disenrollment from the program.
(42CFR 457.570(c))