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Mari Cantwell  
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), CA-14-0004, submitted on June 17, 2014, has been approved. This SPA incorporates the Modified Adjusted Gross Income based eligibility application processing, eligibility screening, and enrollment provisions in section 2107(e)(1)(S) of the Social Security Act. The retroactive effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

Upon submission of this SPA, California was using separate applications for two of its separate CHIP populations: (1) the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) for children from conception to birth up to 317 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) statewide; and (2) 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.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requested additional information on July 15, 2014 about how the state's separate applications for the MCAP and CCHIP populations complied with the requirement at 2107(e)(1)(S) of the Act and 42 CFR 457.330 to use a single, streamlined application for all insurance affordability programs. The state worked with CMS to operate under a variety of mitigation strategies to address these requirements, including modifying existing MCAP and CCHIP applications to ensure consistency with the state's single streamlined application.

The state provided clarifying information about this SPA on several occasions during 2014 and 2015, and most recently on July 14, 2016. The final communication provided confirmation that the state replaced the separate applications for the CCHIP populations in January 2015 and the MCAP population in October 2015 with the interim application included in Medicaid SPA 13-0022-MM2 approved on December 10, 2013.

With the information provided on July 14, 2016, the state has in place processes and procedures for enrollment simplification and coordination with health insurance exchanges and Medicaid, including the use of a single streamlined application for all insurance affordability programs.

Enclosed is a copy of the CS24 state plan pages to be incorporated within California's approved state plan. CA-14-0004 supercedes section 4.3, Single Streamlined Application Screen and Enroll Process and section 4.4, Renewals, Screening by Other Insurance Affordability Programs of the existing state plan. This approval does not apply to any revisions to the alternative single streamlined application made after CMS approved Medicaid SPA 13-0022-MM2.

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

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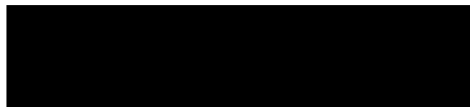
Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Aplin and Mr. Richard Allen, Acting Associate Regional Administrator, in our San Francisco Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

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

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

Sincerely,



Anne Marie Costello  
Director

Enclosure

cc:

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# 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, streamlined 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:

### 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:

- 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



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- 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 streamlined 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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