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Melanie Norton, Assistant Director
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Dear Ms. Norton:

I am pleased to inform you that The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number AZ-13-0004 submitted on December 17, 2013; and, related Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

The SPA number AZ-13-0004 provides assurance on page CS15 that the state will apply methodologies based on MAGI for all separate CHIP covered groups. Page CS7 indicates that, using the approved MAGI conversion plan income thresholds, the state will cover targeted low-income children. A copy of the approved CS15 is attached and should be incorporated within a separate subsection under Section 4.3 of the state's approved CHIP state plan. A copy of the approved CS7 is attached and supersedes the current Geographic Area, Age and Income Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the current CHIP state plan.

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

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Congratulations on the approval. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff toward the approval of your remaining MAGI Eligibility SPAs. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eliot Fishman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eliot Fishman
Director

Enclosures

cc:

Ms. Gloria Nagle, ARA, CMS Region VIII, San Francisco



CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148
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. 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 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	1	147	200	X
+	1	6	141	200	X
+	6	19	133	200	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.

Special Program for Children with Disabilities

Does the state have a special program for children with disabilities? No



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PRA Disclosure Statement

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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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