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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Ms. Sheila Alexander Program Director, Peach Care for Kids Georgia Department Community Health 2 Peachtree, N.W., 37th Floor Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. Alexander:

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 GA-13-0016 submitted on November 14, 2013, with additional information provided on May 19, 2015. This SPA relates to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility and has an effective date of January 1, 2014.

In SPA number GA-13-0016, page CS15 provides assurance 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. Page CS10 allows the state to cover children who have access to public employee coverage and updates the supporting documentation. The first CS10 page uses the maintenance of agency contribution criteria to allow CHIP coverage for children of State Health Benefit Plan employees, and the second CS10 page uses the hardship exception criteria to allow CHIP coverage for children of the Board of Regents employees. Page CS13 indicates that the state elects to cover as deemed newborns children born to mothers enrolled as targeted low-income children in CHIP and children deemed eligible in another state. These approved pages are attached to this letter and should be incorporated into the current CHIP state plan according to the table below. Where the current CHIP state plan contains relevant information, the new pages should replace and supersede the corresponding information throughout the current state plan.

New State Plan Page	Impact on Current State Plan Section				
CS15: MAGI-Based Income Methodologies	Section 4.3: Add new subsection and supersede				
	information on income counting				
CS7: Targeted Low-Income Children	Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3: Supersede all				
CS10: Children Who Have Access to Public	Section 4.4.1: Supersede information on				
Employee Coverage	dependents of employees of a public agency				
CS10: Maintenance of Agency Contribution	Appendix: Supersede current documentation				
(State Health Benefit Plan Employees)					
CS10: Children Who Have Access to Public	Section 4.4.1: Supersede information on				
Employee Coverage	dependents of employees of a public agency				

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CS10: Hardship Exception (Board of Regents	Appendix: Supersede current documentation
Employees)	
CS13: Deemed Newborns	Section 4.3: Add new subsection

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Lagorio and to Ms. Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Glaze's address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations Atlanta Federal Center, 4th Floor 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 4T20 Atlanta, GA 30303-8909

If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Whitener, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-0719.

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

Sincerely,

Eliot Fishman

Director

Enclosures

cc:

Ms. Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV, Atlanta



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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.
C 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.
C 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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CHIP Eligibility

						Control Number: 09 Expiration date: 10	
		Health Insur- geted Low-In			Control Section 1997.	Expiration date: 10/	CS7
2102(b)(1)(l	B)(v) of	f the SSA and 42	CFR 457.310, 31	5 and 320			
Targetee state.	d Low-	Income Children	ı - Uninsured chi	ldren under age 19 who	se household income is within sta	ındards established	by the
▼ The	CHIP A	Agency operates t	his covered grou	p in accordance with the	e following provisions:		
Age							
Must be	e under	age 19.					
Income Stan	ndards						
Income	e standa	ards are applied st	atewide. Yes				
sta	ndard o	or a county income	e standard?	ı a county which may qı	nalify under either a statewide inc	ome No	
Sta	tewide	Income Standards	3				
Ple	ase not	e that the lower be ren for the same a	ound for CHIP el		ighest standard used for Medicaid	d poverty-	
	+	0		205	247	x	
	+		6	149	247	x	
	+	6	19] 133	247	x	
					lanation. Include the age ranges aving different income standards.		
	For c	hildren ages 1, 6,	19, eligibility en	ds at the end of the mor	th in which the child's birthday o	ccurs.	
						·	
Special Prog	gram fo	r Children with D	isabilities				
Does th	ie state	have a special pro	ogram for childre	n with disabilities?	No		
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8/10/2/34/35/35/35/34/36/05/35/	ate Child Health Insurance Program	CS10
Eligib	lity - Children Who Have Access to Public E	nployee Coverage
Sec. 211	0(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA	
	Idren Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage lic employee coverage on the basis of a family member's	- Otherwise eligible targeted low-income children who have access to employment.
✓	The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accord	ance with the following provisions:
Sel	ect one of the following conditions as described in Section	2110(b)(6) of the Social Security Act:
•	Maintenance of agency contribution as provided in 2110	b)(6)(B) of the SSA.
C	Hardship criteria as provided in section 2110(b)(6)(C) of	the Social Security Act.
	Coverage under this option is extended to children whose	household income is:
	Select one of the options for the income standard when c	ompared to Targeted Low Income Children
	The same as the standards for Targeted Low-Income	Children
	C Lower than the income standards for Targeted Low-	Income Children
	Indicate whether coverage under this option is extended certain children:	o all children who have access to public employee coverage, or only
,	C All children who have access to public employee co	verage
	• Certain children who have access to public employe	e coverage:
		Type of agency
	State Health Benefit Plan Employees	x
	Certain types of public employees.	
	Attach methodology the state has used to calculate n	aintenance of agency contribution.
	An attac	hment is submitted.
	The state provides assurance that the state will, on an agency to determine if the maintenance effort condit	annual basis, recalculate expenditures for each participating public ion continues to be met.
√	Children who are eligible for public employee health ber eligibility under the plan.	efits coverage who are not described above are excluded from
√	Children considered to have access to public employee c otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income chi	overage, and therefore not excluded from CHIP through this option, d provided at 42 CFR 457.310.
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State Health Benefit Plan Employee/Employer Contributions Fiscal Years 1997 - 2010

% Change in State Cont from 1997		1.2%	7.0%	4.0%	27.6%	25.6%	25.2%	25.7%	23.2%	41.3%	29.8%	90.4%	35.9%	42.6%	63.3%	63.0%	
% Chain St CPI for Cont FY (1982-State Cont in from 84=100) 1982-84 Dollars 1997	\$336,296,850	\$340,455,932	\$359,809,147	\$349,720,937	\$429,182,911	\$422,551,770	\$421,116,338	\$422,688,977	\$414,190,500	\$475,350,846	\$537,473,027	\$640,163,756	\$457,061,567	\$479,506,076	\$549,255,156	\$548,290,166	
CPI for FY (1982-S 84=100) 11	231.6	238.0	246.4	255.4	266.7	278.9	291.7	303.6	316.8	329.8	343.1	358.7	369.4	382.3	400.3	414.9	
State Contribution	778,863,505	810,285,119	886,389,834	893,187,272	1,144,630,822	1,178,496,886	1,228,185,798	1,283,072,389	1,311,948,410	1,567,469,414	1,843,873,777	2,296,315,403	1,688,342,009	1,832,931,157	2,198,437,701	2,274,987,488	
TOTAL	1,024,471,908.27	1,089,908,211.82	1,190,058,365.93	1,230,712,831.79	1,510,375,324.24	1,603,857,345.96	1,654,459,494.04	1,771,676,176.63	1,840,052,868.83	2,151,875,624.48	2,431,549,098.22	2,920,516,145.14	2,346,080,958.26	2,501,219,126.84	2,873,429,441.20	2,988,443,994.16	31,128,686,915.81
Add-back Merit Allotment Reduction	48,330,367.58	48,231,808.90	54,824,119.05														151,386,295.53
Fiscal Allotment			25,000,000.00	-	34,000,000.00			34,000,000.00	33,956,708.00					33,300,000.00		1	160,256,708.00
DOE Allocation	99,047,892.00	99,047,892.00	99,547,892.00	99,547,892.00	107,826,070.00	107,826,070.00	102,434,766.00	107,826,070.00	107,826,070.00	242,526,070.00	242,526,070.00	279,209,528.00	154,777,499.00	22,836,312.00	25,081,633.00	1	1,897,887,726.00
Employer Contribution	631,485,245.28	663,005,418.20	707,017,822.85	793,639,379.84	1,002,804,752.47	1,070,670,816.16	1,125,751,032.49	1,141,246,318.72	1,170,165,631.92	1,324,943,344.49	1,601,347,706.80	2,017,105,875.42	1,533,564,509.97	1,776,794,845.31	2,173,356,068.47	2,274,987,488.40	21,007,886,256.79
Employee Contribution	245,608,403.41	279,623,092.72	303,668,532.03	337,525,559.95	365,744,501.77	425,360,459.80	426,273,695.55	488,603,787.91	528,104,458.91	584,406,209.99	587,675,321.42	624,200,741.72	657,738,949.29	668,287,969.53	674,991,739.73	713,456,505.76	7,911,269,929.49

*An offset to revenue indicated a Merit Allotment reduction, not included in totals.

(48,330,367.58)	(48,231,808.90)	(54,824,119.05)	(151,386,295.53)
1997	1998	1999	

Note: Interest income not included

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area: U.S. city average

Item: Medical care

Base Period: 1982-84=100

Years: 1996 to 2010

Year	Ę	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	. S	Jul	Aug	Sep	ö	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALFI	HALF2	
1996	225.2	226.2	226.6		227.4	227.8	228.7	229.2	229.4	230.1	230.5	ı	228.2	226.7	229.8	
1997	231.8	232.7	233.4	233.8	234.2	234,4	234.8	235.2	235.4	235.8	236.4	237.1	234.6	233.4	235.8	2.80%
1998	238.1	239.3	239.8		241.4	242.0	242.7	243.5	243.9	244.3	244.7		242.1	240.2	244.1	3.20%
1999	246.6	247.7	248.3		249.5	250.2	251.1	251.9	252.3	252.8	253.3		250.6	248.6	252.6	3.51%
2000	255.5	257.0	258.1	139	259.4	260.5	261.4	262.6	263.1	263.7	264.1		260.8	258.2	263.3	4.07%
2001	267.1	268.9	270.0		271.4	272.5	273.1	274.4	275.0	275.9	276.7		272.8	270.1	275.4	4.60%
2002	279.6	281.0	282.0		284.1	284.7	286.6	287.3	287.7	289.2	290.5		285.6	282.4	288.8	4.69%
2003	292.6	293.7	294.2		295.5	296.3	297.6	298.4	299.2	299.9	300.8		297.1	294.5	299.7	4.03%
2004	303.6	306.0	307.5		309.0	310.0	311.0	311.6	312.3	313.3	314.1		310.1	307.4	312.9	4.38%
2005	316.8	319.3	320.7		322.2	322.9	324.1	323.9	324.6	326.2	328.1		323.2	320.6	325.9	4.22%
2006	329.5	332.1	333.8		335.6	336.0	337.0	337.7	338.3	339.3	340.1		336.2	333.6	338.8	4.02%
2007	343.510	346.457	347.172	348.225	349.087	349.510	351.643	352.961	353.723	355.653	357.041	357.661	351.054	347,327	354.780	4.42%
2008	360,459	362.155	363.000	363,184	363.396	363,616	363.963	364.477	365.036	365.746	366.613	367.133	364.065	362.635	365.495	3.71%
5000	369.830	372.405	373.189	374,170	375,026	375.093	375.739	376.537	377.727	378.552	379.575	379.516	375.613	373,286	377.941	3.17% 0.60108
2010	382.688	385.907	387.142	387.703	387.762	388, 199	387.898	388.467	390.616	391,240	391.660	391.946	388.436	386.567	390.305	
2011	393.858	397.065	397.726	398.813	399.375	399.552	400.305	400.874	401.605	403.430	404.858	405.629	400.258	397.732	402.784	
2012	408.056	410.466	411.498	412.480	413.655	415.345	416.759	417.123	418.039	418.359	418.653	418.654	414.924	411.917	417.931	
2013	420.687	423.221	424.154	423.815	422.834	424.264	424.836							423.162		

Ŧ	231.6	238.0	246.4	255.4	266.7	278.9	291.7	303.6	316.8	329.8	343.1	358.7	369.4	382.3	400.3	414.9
Half 2	233.4	240.2	248.6	258.2	270.1	282.4	294.5	307.4	320.6	333.6	347.3	362.6	373.3	386.6	402.784	417.931
Half 1	229.8	235.8	244.1	252.6	263.3	275.4	288.8	299.7	312.9	325.9	338.8	354.8	365.5	377.9	397.732	411.917
	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12

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Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers Original Data Value

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U.S. city average Medical care 1982-84=100 2003 to 2013

Item: Base Period: Years:

Year	Jan				May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	ALF1	HALF2
2003	292.6	293.7	294.2	294.6	295.5	296.3	297.6	298.4	296	3.2 299.9 300.8 302.1 297.1	300.8	302.1	297.1	294.5	299.7
2004	303.6					310.0	311.0	311.6	312	313.3	314.1	314.9	310.1	307.4	312.9
2005	316.8					322.9	324.1	323.9	35	326.2	328.1	328.4	323.2	320.6	325.9
2006	329.5	332.1	333.8			336.0	337.0	337.7	33	339.3	340.1	340.1	336.2	333.6	338.8
2007	343.510	346.457	346.457 347.172	348.22	349.08	349.510	351.643	52.961	353.7	355.653	357.041	357.661	351.054	17.327	354.780
2008	360.459	362,155	363.000	363.18	363.39	363.616	363,963	64.477	365.0	365.746	366.613	367.133	364.065	32.635	365.495
2009	369.830	372.405	373.189	374.17	375.02	375.093	375.739	76.537	377.7.	378.552	379.575	379.516	375.613	73.286	377.941
2010	382.688	385.907	387.142	387.70	387.76	388.199	387.898	88.467	390.6	391.240	391.660	391.946	388.436	36.567	390,305
2011	393.858	397.065	397.726	398.81	399.37	399.552	400.305	00.874	401.6	403.430	404.858	405.629	400.258	37.732	402.784
2012	408.056	410.466	411.498	412.48	413.65	415.345	5 415.345 416.759 4	17.123	418.0	418.359	418.653	418.654	414.924	11.917	417.931
2013	420.687	423.221	424.154	423.81	422.83	424.264	424.836							423.162	

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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CHIP Eligibility

State Name: Georgia	OMB Control Number: 0938-1148
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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Eligibility - Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Cov	CS10
Sec. 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA	
Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage - Otherwise elipublic employee coverage on the basis of a family member's employment.	gible targeted low-income children who have access to
✓ The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the fo	llowing provisions:
Select one of the following conditions as described in Section 2110(b)(6) of	the Social Security Act:
C Maintenance of agency contribution as provided in 2110(b)(6)(B) of the	SSA.
• Hardship criteria as provided in section 2110(b)(6)(C) of the Social Secu	urity Act.
Coverage under this option is extended to children whose household inco	ome is:
Select one of the options for the income standard when compared to Tar	geted Low Income Children
• The same as the standards for Targeted Low-Income Children	
C Lower than the income standards for Targeted Low-Income Children	n ·
Indicate whether coverage under this option is extended to all children we certain children:	who have access to public employee coverage, or only
C All children who have access to public employee coverage	
© Certain children who have access to public employee coverage:	
Employees of certain public agencies.	
Type of agenc	эу
Board of Regents	x
Certain types of public employees.	
Attach methodology the state has used to calculate financial hardshi	p.
An attachment is subm	itted.
The state provides assurance that the state will, on an annual basis, a hardship condition continues to be met.	recalculate the financial status to determine if the
Children who are eligible for public employee health benefits coverage veligibility under the plan.	who are not described above are excluded from
Children considered to have access to public employee coverage, and the otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income child provided at 4	
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Georgia Department of Community Health Hardship Exception for Children of **Georgia Board of Regents Employees**

FY2012

\$ 2,284.33

FY2013

Average Annual Premium of Board of **Regents Employee** with Children in **Health Care Plan***

\$2,311.23

Cost Sharing

Total Annual Cost Sharing per Client FY2012

707.15

FY2013

\$ 665.82

Family Size

		FY2012			FY2013	
	235% Annual Income FPL**	5% Threshold	Annual Premium + Cost Sharing#	235% Annual Income FPL**	5% Threshold	Annual Premium + Cost Sharing#
1	\$ 26,249.50	\$ 1,312.48		\$ 27,001.50	\$ 1,350.08	
2	\$ 35,555.50	\$ 1,777.78	\$ 2,284.33	\$ 36,448.50	\$ 1,822.43	\$ 2,311.23
3	\$ 44,861.50	\$ 2,243.08	\$ 2,991.49	\$ 45,895.50	\$ 2,294.78	\$ 2,977.05
4	\$ 54,167.50	\$ 2,708.38	\$ 3,698.64	\$ 55,342.50	\$ 2,767.13	\$ 3,642.87
5	\$ 63,473.50	\$ 3,173.68	\$ 4,405.79	\$ 64,789.50	\$ 3,239.48	\$ 4,308.69
6	\$ 72,779.50	\$ 3,638.98	\$ 5,112.94	\$ 74,236.50	\$ 3,711.83	\$ 4,974.51

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^{* -} Georgia used the average premium of the different health plans offered based on membership in each plan.

^{** - 2012} and 2013 FPL calculations were used.

^{# -} Because Georgia used the average premium amounts, Georgia wanted to be more conservative in the calculation to ensure that the hardship criterion was met. Therefore, the calculation of annual total premium and cost sharing paid for a family of 2 did not include any cost sharing. The calculation of the annual total premium and cost sharing paid for a family of 3 included only 1 annual cost per client. For example, in 2012 for a family size of 3, the average premium was \$2,284.33 + \$707.15*1 = \$2,991.49



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CALLED TO SERVICE OF CORRESPONDED	ate Child Health Insurance Program CS13 Ility - Deemed Newborns
Section 2112(e) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.360	
Dee or N	med Newborns - Children born to targeted low-income pregnant women are deemed to have applied for and be eligible for CHIP fedicaid until the child turns one.
V	The state operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:
	The child was born to an eligible targeted low-income pregnant woman under section 2112 of the SSA.
٠	The child is deemed to have applied for and been found eligible for CHIP or Medicaid, as appropriate, as of the date of the child's birth, and remains eligible without regard to changes in circumstances until the child's first birthday.
	The state elects the following option(s):
	The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered as a targeted low-income child under the state's separate CHIP on the date of the newborn's birth.
	The state elects to recognize a child's deemed newborn status from another state and provides benefits in accordance with the requirements of section 2112(e) of the SSA.
	The state elects to cover as a deemed newborn a child born to a mother who is covered under Medicaid or CHIP through the authority of the state's section 1115 demonstration on the date of the newborn's birth.

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