



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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April 18, 2023

James Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 East 12th Street Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2023-0009

Dear Mr. Scott:

Please find attached a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that modifies the range of eligibility for the household income as a percent of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) for M-CHIP eligibility. Currently the M-CHIP program covers children ages 0-5 whose household income is up to 210% of the FPL. However, the limit under S-CHIP for children ages 6-18 is up to 211% of the FPL. Once the programs merge, per the General Assembly's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-23 budget, this would create a 'gap' where children ages 0-5 with income between 210% and 211% would not be covered even though siblings aged 6-18 would be, with the same household income. This modification seeks to correct that by raising the FPL limit for CHIP children aged 0-18 to be covered up to 211% of the FPL. Additionally, the eligibility team at the Division of Health Benefits estimates that 250 children would be covered following this change.

The proposed effective date is April 01, 2023.

Your approval of this State Plan Amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Cecilia Williams at (919) 270-2530.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Jay Ludlam
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Jay Ludlam
Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid

Enclosures

NC - Submission Package - NC2022MS0005D - Eligibility

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Package Information

Package ID	NC2022MS0005D	Submission Type	Draft
Program Name	N/A	State	NC
Version Number	1	Region	Atlanta, GA
		Package Status	Pending

Submission - Summary

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State Information

State/Territory Name: North Carolina

Medicaid Agency Name: Division of Medical Assistance

Submission Component

State Plan Amendment

Medicaid

CHIP

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives It is the intent of NC Medicaid to merge our separate NC Health Choice Children's Health Insurance Program with the NC Medicaid Program.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2023	\$231937
Second	2024	\$476062

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

NC Session Law 2021 HB 747.

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

Name	Date Created
No items available	

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Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

Submission - Medicaid State Plan

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The submission includes the following:

Administration

Eligibility

Income/Resource Methodologies

Income/Resource Standards

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

Optional Eligibility Groups

Reviewable Unit Name	Included in Another Source Type Submission Package
Optional Eligibility Groups	APPROVED

Non-Financial Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

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Submission - Public Comment

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Indicate whether public comment was solicited with respect to this submission.

- Public notice was not federally required and comment was not solicited
- Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited
- Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

Submission - Tribal Input

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One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in this state

- Yes
- No

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Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.

Yes No

















The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paper-based state plan to MACPro):

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Optional Targeted Low Income Children		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Individuals with Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Work Incentives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Optional Eligibility Groups

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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage





The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

Yes No

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

Families and Adults





Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Medically Needy Pregnant Women		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

2. Optional Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Optional Eligibility Groups

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C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

- N/A

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Optional Targeted Low Income Children

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Uninsured children who meet the definition of optional targeted low income children at 42 C.F.R. §435.4, who have household income at or below a standard established by the state.

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The state covers the optional targeted low income children group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are under age 19, or a lower age, as specified in C.
2. Are uninsured and otherwise meet the definition of optional targeted low-income child at 42 CFR 435.4 and section 1905(u)(2)(B) of the Act.
3. Have household income at or below the standard established by the state, if the state has an income standard.
4. Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan.

B. Financial Methodologies

MAGI-based methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to MAGI-Based Methodologies, completed by the state.

C. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all children under a specified age under this eligibility group.

- Yes
 No

The age of children covered under this eligibility group is:

- a. Under age 19
 b. Under age 18
 c. Under other age

D. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this eligibility group is:

FPL 211.00%

Optional Targeted Low Income Children

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E. Basis for Income Standard

1. Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard for this eligibility group is a standard greater than the lowest income standard currently used for children of this age under the mandatory Infants and Children under Age 19 eligibility group.

2. Maximum income standard

a. The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for this eligibility group to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for this classification of children under this eligibility group.

b. The state's maximum income standard for this eligibility group is:

- i. The state's effective income level for this eligibility group under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under the CHIP state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- iii. The state's effective income level for this eligibility group under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- iv. The state's effective income level for this group of children under the CHIP state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- v. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- vi. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a CHIP-1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- vii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- viii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a CHIP 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ix. 200% FPL
- x. A percentage of the FPL which may exceed the Medicaid Applicable Income Level, defined in section 2110(b)(4), but by no more than 50 percentage points.

c. The amount of the maximum income standard is:

FPL 211.00%

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F. Additional Information (optional)

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