

March 31, 2017

Ms. Kristen Edwards  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Mail Stop: S2-07-08  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Re: NYS Child Health Plan  
Title XXI Amendment  
Effective April 1, 2016

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Sincerely,

Judith Arnold  
CHIP Director  
Director, Division of Eligibility and  
Marketplace Integration  
Office of Health Insurance Programs

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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
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**TEMPLATE FOR CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: New York State  
(Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))

/s/ Judith Arnold March 31, 2017  
(Signature of Governor, or designee, of State/Territory, Date Signed)

submits the following Child Health Plan for the Children's Health Insurance Program and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of the approved Child Health Plan, the requirements of Title XXI and XIX of the Act (as appropriate) and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.

The following State officials are responsible for program administration and financial oversight (42 CFR 457.40(c)):

Name: Judith Arnold	Position/Title: CHIP Director Director, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration
Name: Gabrielle Armenia	Position/Title: Director, Bureau of Child Health Plans Policy and Exchange Consumer Assistance
Name:	Position/Title:

**\*Disclosure. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0707. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 80 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, write to: CMS, 7500 Security Blvd., Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.**

**Introduction:** Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), public law 105-33 amended the Social Security Act (the Act) by adding a new title XXI, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In February 2009, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) renewed the program. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 further modified the program.

This template outlines the information that must be included in the state plans and the state plan amendments (SPAs). It reflects the regulatory requirements at 42 CFR Part 457 as well as the previously approved SPA templates that accompanied guidance issued to States through State Health Official (SHO) letters. Where applicable, we indicate the SHO number and the date it was issued for your reference. The CHIP SPA template includes the following changes:

- o Combined the instruction document with the CHIP SPA template to have a single document. Any modifications to previous instructions are for clarification only and do not reflect new policy guidance.
- o Incorporated the previously issued guidance and templates (see the Key following the template for information on the newly added templates), including:
  - Prenatal care and associated health care services (SHO #02-004, issued November 12, 2002)
  - Coverage of pregnant women (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009)
  - Tribal consultation requirements (ARRA #2, CHIPRA #3, issued May 28, 2009)
  - Dental and supplemental dental benefits (CHIPRA # 7, SHO # #09-012, issued October 7, 2009)
  - Premium assistance (CHIPRA # 13, SHO # 10-002, issued February 2, 2010)
  - Express lane eligibility (CHIPRA # 14, SHO # 10-003, issued February 4, 2010)
  - Lawfully Residing requirements (CHIPRA # 17, SHO # 10-006, issued July 1, 2010)
- o Moved sections 2.2 and 2.3 into section 5 to eliminate redundancies between sections 2 and 5.
- o Removed crowd-out language that had been added by the August 17 letter that later was repealed.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing regulations to implement the CHIPRA requirements. When final regulations are published in the Federal Register, this template will be modified to reflect those rules and States will be required to submit SPAs illustrating compliance with the new regulations. States are not required to resubmit their State plans based on the updated template. However, States must use the updated template when submitting a State Plan Amendment.

**Federal Requirements for Submission and Review of a Proposed SPA.** (42 CFR Part 457 Subpart A) In order to be eligible for payment under this statute, each State must submit a Title XXI plan for approval by the Secretary that details how the State intends to use the funds and fulfill other requirements under the law and regulations at 42 CFR Part 457. A SPA is approved in 90 days unless the Secretary notifies the State in writing that the plan is disapproved or that specified additional information is needed. Unlike Medicaid SPAs, there is only one 90 day review period, or clock for CHIP SPAs, that may be stopped by a request for additional information and restarted after a complete response is received. More information on the SPA review process is found at 42 CFR 457 Subpart A.

When submitting a State plan amendment, states should redline the changes that are being made to the existing State plan and provide a “clean” copy including changes that are being made to the existing state plan.

The template includes the following sections:

1. **General Description and Purpose of the Children’s Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements-** This section should describe how the State has designed their program. It also is the place in the template that a State updates to insert a short description and the proposed effective date of the SPA, and the proposed implementation date(s) if different from the effective date. (Section 2101); (42 CFR, 457.70)
2. **General Background and Description of State Approach to Child Health Coverage and Coordination-** This section should provide general information related to the special characteristics of each state’s program. The information should include the extent and manner to which children in the State currently have creditable health coverage, current State efforts to provide or obtain creditable health coverage for uninsured children and how the plan is designed to be coordinated with current health insurance, public health efforts, or other enrollment initiatives. This information provides a health insurance baseline in terms of the status of the children in a given State and the State programs currently in place. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
3. **Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls-** This section requires a description that must include both proposed methods of delivery and proposed utilization control systems. This section should fully describe the delivery system of the Title XXI program including the proposed contracting standards, the proposed delivery systems and the plans for enrolling providers. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
4. **Eligibility Standards and Methodology-** The plan must include a description of the standards used to determine the eligibility of targeted low-income children for child health assistance under the plan. This section includes a list of potential eligibility standards the State can check off and provide a short description of how those standards will be applied. All eligibility standards must be consistent with the provisions of Title XXI and may not discriminate on the basis of diagnosis. In addition, if the standards vary within the state, the State should describe how they will be applied and under what circumstances they will be applied. In addition, this section provides information on income eligibility for Medicaid expansion programs (which are exempt from Section 4 of the State plan template) if applicable. (Section 2102(b)); (42 CFR 457.305 and 457.320)
5. **Outreach-** This section is designed for the State to fully explain its outreach activities. Outreach is defined in law as outreach to families of children likely to be eligible for child health assistance under the plan or under other public or private health coverage programs. The purpose is to inform these families of the availability of, and to assist them in enrolling their children in, such a program. (Section 2102(c)(1)); (42CFR, 457.90)
6. **Coverage Requirements for Children’s Health Insurance-** Regarding the required scope of health insurance coverage in a State plan, the child health assistance provided must consist of any of the four types of coverage outlined in Section 2103(a) (specifically, benchmark coverage; benchmark-equivalent coverage; existing comprehensive state-based coverage; and/or Secretary-approved coverage). In this section States identify the scope of coverage and benefits offered under the plan including the categories under which that coverage is offered. The amount, scope, and duration of each offered service should be fully

explained, as well as any corresponding limitations or exclusions. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))

7. **Quality and Appropriateness of Care-** This section includes a description of the methods (including monitoring) to be used to assure the quality and appropriateness of care and to assure access to covered services. A variety of methods are available for State's use in monitoring and evaluating the quality and appropriateness of care in its child health assistance program. The section lists some of the methods which states may consider using. In addition to methods, there are a variety of tools available for State adaptation and use with this program. The section lists some of these tools. States also have the option to choose who will conduct these activities. As an alternative to using staff of the State agency administering the program, states have the option to contract out with other organizations for this quality of care function. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.495)
8. **Cost Sharing and Payment-** This section addresses the requirement of a State child health plan to include a description of its proposed cost sharing for enrollees. Cost sharing is the amount (if any) of premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and other cost sharing imposed. The cost-sharing requirements provide protection for lower income children, ban cost sharing for preventive services, address the limitations on premiums and cost-sharing and address the treatment of pre-existing medical conditions. (Section 2103(e)); (42 CFR 457, Subpart E)
9. **Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration-** The section addresses the strategic objectives, the performance goals, and the performance measures the State has established for providing child health assistance to targeted low income children under the plan for maximizing health benefits coverage for other low income children and children generally in the state. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.710)
10. **Annual Reports and Evaluations-** Section 2108(a) requires the State to assess the operation of the Children's Health Insurance Program plan and submit to the Secretary an annual report which includes the progress made in reducing the number of uninsured low income children. The report is due by January 1, following the end of the Federal fiscal year and should cover that Federal Fiscal Year. In this section, states are asked to assure that they will comply with these requirements, indicated by checking the box. (Section 2108); (42 CFR 457.750)
11. **Program Integrity-** In this section, the State assures that services are provided in an effective and efficient manner through free and open competition or through basing rates on other public and private rates that are actuarially sound. (Sections 2101(a) and 2107(e); (42 CFR 457, subpart I)
12. **Applicant and Enrollee Protections-** This section addresses the review process for eligibility and enrollment matters, health services matters (i.e., grievances), and for states that use premium assistance a description of how it will assure that applicants and enrollees are given the opportunity at initial enrollment and at each redetermination of eligibility to obtain health benefits coverage other than through that group health plan. (Section 2101(a)); (42 CFR 457.1120)

**Program Options.** As mentioned above, the law allows States to expand coverage for children through a separate child health insurance program, through a Medicaid expansion program, or through a combination of these programs. These options are described further below:

- o **Option to Create a Separate Program-** States may elect to establish a separate child health program that are in compliance with title XXI and applicable rules. These states

must establish enrollment systems that are coordinated with Medicaid and other sources of health coverage for children and also must screen children during the application process to determine if they are eligible for Medicaid and, if they are, enroll these children promptly in Medicaid.

- o **Option to Expand Medicaid-** States may elect to expand coverage through Medicaid. This option for states would be available for children who do not qualify for Medicaid under State rules in effect as of March 31, 1997. Under this option, current Medicaid rules would apply.

#### **Medicaid Expansion- CHIP SPA Requirements**

In order to expedite the SPA process, states choosing to expand coverage only through an expansion of Medicaid eligibility would be required to complete sections:

- 1 (General Description)
- 2 (General Background)

They will also be required to complete the appropriate program sections, including:

- 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
- 5 ( Outreach)
- 9 (Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration including the budget)
- 10 (Annual Reports and Evaluations).

#### **Medicaid Expansion- Medicaid SPA Requirements**

States expanding through Medicaid-only will also be required to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to modify their Title XIX State plans. These states may complete the first check-off and indicate that the description of the requirements for these sections are incorporated by reference through their State Medicaid plans for sections:

- 3 (Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls)
- 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
- 6 (Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance)
- 7 (Quality and Appropriateness of Care)
- 8 (Cost Sharing and Payment)
- 11 (Program Integrity)
- 12 (Applicant and Enrollee Protections)

- o **Combination of Options-** CHIP allows states to elect to use a combination of the Medicaid program and a separate child health program to increase health coverage for children. For example, a State may cover optional targeted-low income children in families with incomes of up to 133 percent of poverty through Medicaid and a targeted group of children above that level through a separate child health program. For the children the State chooses to cover under an expansion of Medicaid, the description provided under "Option to Expand Medicaid" would apply. Similarly, for children the State chooses to cover under a separate program, the provisions outlined above in "Option to Create a Separate Program" would apply. States wishing to use a combination of approaches will be required to complete the Title XXI State plan and the necessary State plan amendment under Title XXIXIX.

Proposed State plan amendments should be submitted electronically and one signed hard copy to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at the following address:

Name of Project Officer  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Blvd  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244  
Attn: Children and Adults Health Programs Group  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Mail Stop - S2-01-16



**Section 1. General Description and Purpose of the Children’s Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements**

**1.1.** The state will use funds provided under Title XXI primarily for (Check appropriate box) (Section 2101)(a)(1)); (42 CFR 457.70):

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through the development of a separate program that meets the requirements of Section 2101, which details coverage requirements and the other applicable requirements of Title XXI.

**1.1.1.**  Obtaining coverage that meets the requirements for a separate child health program (Sections 2101(a)(1) and 2103); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through providing expanded eligibility under the State’s Medicaid program (Title XIX). Note that if this is selected the State must also submit a corresponding Medicaid SPA to CMS for review and approval.

**1.1.2.**  Providing expanded benefits under the State’s Medicaid plan (Title XIX) (Section 2101(a)(2)); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided through a combination of both 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. (Coverage that meets the requirements of Title XXI, in conjunction with an expansion in the State’s Medicaid program). Note that if this is selected the state must also submit a corresponding Medicaid state plan amendment to CMS for review and approval.

**1.1.3.**  A combination of both of the above. (Section 2101(a)(2))

**1.1-DS**  The State will provide dental-only supplemental coverage. Only States operating a separate CHIP program are eligible for this option. States choosing this option must also complete sections 4.1-DS, 4.2-DS, 6.2-DS, 8.2-DS, and 9.10 of this SPA template. (Section 2110(b)(5))

**1.2.**  Check to provide an assurance that expenditures for child health assistance will not be claimed prior to the time that the State has legislative authority to operate the State plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS. (42 CFR 457.40(d))

**1.3.**  Check to provide an assurance that the State complies with all applicable civil rights requirements, including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 45 CFR part 80, part 84, and part 91, and 28 CFR part 35. (42CFR 457.130)

Guidance: The effective date as specified below is defined as the date on which the State

begins to incur costs to implement its State plan or amendment. (42 CFR 457.65)  
The implementation date is defined as the date the State begins to provide services;  
or, the date on which the State puts into practice the new policy described in the  
State plan or amendment. For example, in a State that has increased eligibility, this  
is the date on which the State begins to provide coverage to enrollees (and not the  
date the State begins outreach or accepting applications).

- 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.

Original Plan

Effective Date:

Implementation Date:

SPA # \_\_\_\_\_, Purpose of SPA

Proposed effective date:

Proposed implementation date:

Original Submission

Submission date:	November 15, 1997
Effective date:	April 15, 2003
Implementation date:	April 15, 2003

SPA #1

Submission date:	March 26, 1998
Denial:	April 1, 1998
Reconsideration:	May 26, 1998(Withdrawn)

SPA #2

Submission date:	March 30, 1999
Effective date:	July 1, 1999
Implementation date:	July 1, 1999

SPA #3

Submission date:	March 21, 2001
Effective date:	April 1, 2000
Implementation date:	April 1, 2000

SPA #4

Submission date:	March 27, 2002
Effective date:	April 1, 2001
Implementation date:	April 1, 2001

SPA #5 (compliance)	
Submission date:	March 31, 2003
SPA #6 (renewal process)	
Submission date:	March 22, 2004
Effective date:	April 1, 2003
Implementation date:	April 1, 2003
SPA #7	
Submission date:	March 17, 2005
Effective date:	April 1, 2004 (Updates to State
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	April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of
Medicaid	
	Expansion Program)
Implementation date:	April 1, 2004 (Updates to State
	PI n)
	April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of
	Medicaid Expansion Program)
SPA #8	
Submission date:	March 28, 2006
Effective date:	April 1, 2005
Implementation date:	August 1, 2005
SPA #9	
Submission date:	March 28, 2007
Effective date:	April 1, 2006
Implementation date:	April 1, 2006
SPA # 10	
Submission date:	April 3, 2007
Effective date:	April 1, 2007
Implementation date:	April 1, 2007
-general information	
Implementation date (Proposed):	September 1, 2007
Implementation date (Actual):	September 1, 2008
-expansion, substitution strategies	
Denied:	September 7, 2007
Petition for Reconsideration:	October 31, 2007
Stayed	March 17, 2009
SPA # 11	
Submission date:	May 14, 2007
Effective date:	September 1, 2007
Implementation date:	September 1, 2007

SPA # 12	
Submission d te:	March 18, 2009
Effective d te:	September 1, 2008
Implement tion d te:	September 1, 2008
SPA # 13	
Submission d te:	June 30, 2009
Effective d te:	April 1, 2009
Implement tion d te:	April 1, 2009
SPA # 14	
Submission d te:	July 6, 2009
Effective d te:	July 1, 2009
Implement tion d te:	July 1, 2009
SPA # 15	
Submission d te:	March 29, 2010
Effective d te:	April 1, 2009
Implement tion d te:	April 1, 2009
SPA # 16	
Submission d te:	March 21, 2011
Effective d te:	April 1, 2010
Implement tion d te:	April 1, 2010
SPA # 17	
Submission d te:	May 20, 2011
Effective d te (Enrollment Center):	June 13, 2011
Effective d te (Medic l Homes Initi tive):	October 1, 2011
Implement tion d te:	June 13, 2011
SPA # 18	
Submission d te:	September 20, 2011
Effective d te:	August 25, 2011
Implement tion d te:	August 25, 2011
SPA # 19	
Submission d te:	March 22, 2012
Effective d te (Medic id Exp nsion):	November 11, 2011
Implement tion d te:	November 11, 2011

SPA # 20  
 Submission date: March 31, 2014  
 Effective date ( autism benefit): April 1, 2013  
 Effective date (other ACA changes) July 1, 2014  
 Implementation date: April 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014

SPA #21  
 Submission date: March 31, 2015  
 Effective date: April 1, 2014  
 Implementation date: April 1, 2014

SPA #NY-16-0022- C-A  
 Submission date: March 28, 2016  
 Effective date (HSI for Poison Control Centers and Sickle Cell Screening): April 1, 2015  
 Effective date (Ostomy Supplies): May 1, 2015  
 Implementation date: April 1, 2015 and May 1, 2015

SPA #NY-16-0022- C – B  
 Submission date: March 28, 2016  
 Effective date (HSI Medication Indemnity Fund): April 1, 2015  
 Implementation date: April 1, 2015

SPA #NY-17-0023  
 Submission date: March 31, 2017  
 Effective date (HSI Medication Indemnity Fund, APG Payments for Mental Health): April 1, 2016  
 Effective date (Coverage for Newborns): July 1, 2017  
 Implementation date: April 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017

## Superseding Pages of MAGI CHIP State Plan Material

### State: New York

Transmittal Number	SPA Group	PDF #	Description	Superseded Plan Section(s)
<b>NY-14-0001</b>  Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	MAGI Eligibility & Methods	CS7	Eligibility – Targeted Low Income Children	Supersedes the current sections Geographic Area 4.1.1; Age 4.1.2; and Income 4.1.3
		CS15	MAGI-Based Income Methodologies	Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.3
<b>NY-14-0002</b>  Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	XXI Medicaid Expansion	CS3	Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program	Supersedes the current Medicaid expansion section 4.0
<b>NY-14-0003</b>  Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Establish 2101(f) Group	CS14	Children Ineligible for Medicaid as a Result of the Elimination of Income Disregards	Incorporate within a separate subsection under section 4.1
<b>NY-13-0004</b>  Effective/Implementation Date: October 1, 2013	Eligibility Processing	CS24	Eligibility Process	Supersedes the current sections 4.3 and 4.4
<b>NY-14-0005</b>  Effective/Implementation Date: January 1, 2014	Non-Financial Eligibility	CS17	Residency	Supersedes the current section 4.1.5
		CS18	Citizenship	Supersedes the current sections 4.1.0; 4.1.1-LR; 4.1.1-LR
		CS19	Social Security Number	Supersedes the current section 4.1.9.1
		CS20	Substitution of Coverage	Supersedes the current section 4.4.4
		CS21	Non-Payment of Premiums	Supersedes the current section 8.7
	General Eligibility	CS27	Continual Eligibility	Supersedes the current section 4.1.8
		CS28	Presumptive Eligibility for Children	Supersedes the current section 4.3.2

**1.4- TC Tribal Consultation** (Section 2107(e)(1)(C)) Describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment, when it occurred and who was involved.

TN No: Approval Date Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2. General Background and Description of Approach to Children’s Health Insurance Coverage and Coordination**

Guidance: The demographic information requested in 2.1 can be used for State planning and will be used strictly for informational purposes. **THESE NUMBERS WILL NOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR THE ALLOTMENT.**

Factors that the State may consider in the provision of this information are age brackets, income brackets, definitions of insurability, and geographic location, as well as race and ethnicity. The State should describe its information sources and the assumptions it uses for the development of its description.

- Population
- Number of uninsured
- Race demographics
- Age Demographics
- Info per region/Geographic information

**2.1.** Describe the extent to which, and manner in which, children in the State (including targeted low-income children and other groups of children specified) identified, by income level and other relevant factors, such as race, ethnicity and geographic location, currently have creditable health coverage (as defined in 42 CFR 457.10). To the extent feasible, distinguish between creditable coverage under public health insurance programs and public-private partnerships (See Section 10 for annual report requirements). (Section 2102(a)(1)); (42 CFR 457.80(a))

Guidance: Section 2.2 allows states to request to use the funds available under the 10 percent limit on administrative expenditures in order to fund services not otherwise allowable. The health services initiatives must meet the requirements of 42 CFR 457.10.

**2.2. Health Services Initiatives-** Describe if the State will use the health services initiative option as allowed at 42 CFR 457.10. If so, describe what services or programs the State is proposing to cover with administrative funds, including the cost of each program, and how it is currently funded (if applicable), also update the budget accordingly. (Section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii)); (42 CFR 457.10)

New York proposes to cover the following programs under the Health Services Initiatives provision:

**1. Opioid Drug Addiction and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program for Schools**

**Program Details**

Although there have been many successes in New York’s community opioid overdose programs, deaths from overdose continue to climb. In 2013 there were 637 fatalities involving heroin throughout the State, or more than 12 deaths per week. Many overdoses occur with young people.



Since April 2006, New York State has had a program regulated by the Department of Health (the Department) through which eligible, registered entities provide training to individuals in the community on how to recognize an overdose and how to respond to it appropriately. The applicable law is Public Health Law Section 3309, and the regulations are found at Part 80 (80.138) of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York. These programs are administered within the Department by the Aids Institute.

The appropriate responses to an opioid overdose include calling 911 and administering naloxone (Narcan), an opioid antagonist which reverses the potentially life-threatening consequences of an overdose. Eligible entities include individual prescribers (physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners), drug treatment programs, health care facilities, local health departments (LDHs) and community-based organizations that have the services of clinical director.

Program funding is used to train individuals throughout the State as opioid overdose responders. The public health law was expanded in an amendment effective August 11, 2015 to specifically include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, county vocational education and extension boards, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and/or secondary schools, as well as persons employed by these districts, boards or schools. As such, they are expressly authorized to respond to opioid overdoses through the administration of naloxone. Over 265 programs have registered with the Department, and approximately 100,000 overdose responders have been trained to date.

The opioid program provides education to school staff on how to be a responder using the kits. The school districts either register with the Department as opioid overdose prevention programs or they work with other eligible organizations that have chosen to register. Although elementary schools are included in the statutory language, the focus has been on middle and high schools. There is a curriculum and a mechanism for school staff to be trained in opioid overdose recognition and response. For clarification, the rescue kits are not distributed to the pupils, but rather to school personnel.

Program funding is also used to purchase opioid overdose prevention kits. Each kit is comprised of two medical atomizers, two syringes pre-filled with naloxone for use with the atomizers, a breathing mask, nitrile gloves, and a zippered bag for containing the supplies. Naloxone has been successfully administered more than 2,700 times according to reports that have been submitted to the State. The actual number of reversals for which these responders have been responsible is likely to be substantially higher.

To carry out these objectives, the Department contracts with The Foundation for AIDS Research. Payments to this vendor are for trainings, purchase of overdose prevention kits, and the contract's administrative expenses. These expenses include ordering the supplies, maintaining an inventory, interacting with the AIDS Institute, obtaining competitive pricing, providing reports on a regular basis, and working with pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. Overall program monitoring and assessing the achievement of goals involves review of monthly or quarterly narrative and statistical reports that are submitted, as well as onsite program and fiscal monitoring.

## **Budget and HSI Claiming Details**

There are multiple funding sources for the program, two of which are Department appropriations, located within the Aids Institute major program. These are General Fund / Local Assistance appropriations, found in the Aid to Localities budget bill. The General Fund is the State's main operating fund.

Program estimates that 5% of gross expenditures relate to children age birth through 18. This figure will be used to approximate the total funding for children-related activity. Total expenses will be multiplied by 5% to establish the amount of funding related to children age birth through 18. This figure will then be multiplied by the current CHIP federal matching rate of 88% to calculate the amount of expenses that can be transferred to CHIP federal funding.

In the past, there has been a federal funding component of the program. The federal funds were an allocation and not a match. However, federal funds are not currently utilized. If federal funds are used prospectively, these funds will be excluded from the HSI, and only the State funds will be considered.

Periodic general ledger journal entries will be processed to move the qualified expenditures to CHIP federal funding. The expenses will be transferred from each fund source according to its percentage of the total funding. These transactions will be performed in the Statewide Financial System (SFS) and are approved within the Department, and at the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Backup documentation will be included when the journal entries are processed. There is distinct coding in SFS for the opioid program funding, and for CHIP funding. There is also a specific program code for CHIP HSI expenditures, to distinguish them from other CHIP expenditures.

Upon SPA approval, a general ledger journal entry or entries will be processed to charge CHIP federal funding for HSI-related expenditures retroactive to April 1, 2016, the effective date of the SPA. Prospectively, journal entries will be processed to transfer HSI-related expenditures to CHIP federal funding.

## **2. Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)**

### **Program Details**

The Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) was established in 1984 as a result of public health concerns about nutrition-related illnesses among persons in need of food assistance. The program is authorized by Chapter 53, Section 1 of the Laws of 2016, and is administered within the Department by the Center for Community Health, Division of Nutrition, Bureau of Nutrition Risk Reduction. HPNAP provides emergency food relief and nutrition services to food insecure populations in New York State.

HPNAP funding supports 46 Department contracts, which includes eight regional food banks and 38 direct service providers statewide. Through these contracts, approximately 240 million emergency meals are provided each year throughout the State. HPNAP works with an established network of more than 2,500 Emergency Food Programs (EFP, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, to leverage private and public partnerships.

The goal of the program is to help New Yorkers in need lead healthier, productive and self-sufficient lives, which aligns with the HSI objective of helping low income populations. Access to a nutritious food supply directly improves the health of children. The program leads to increased access to safe and nutritious food and related resources, develops and provides nutrition and health education programs and empowers people to increase their independence from emergency food assistance programs.

Each regional food bank has a listing of the services they provide. These include safe and nutritious food to people in need; food transportation and food service equipment; assistance in gathering, processing and distributing harvested fresh produce; nutrition and health information; and resources and guidance through workshops, handouts and site visits.

A component of the HPNAP program is the Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables (JSY) program, a New York State program that offers nutrition education services to families with food insecurity. JSY is a collaboration between the Department and the New York State Regional Food Banks. It is designed to prevent over-weight/obesity and reduce long term chronic disease risks through the promotion of increased fruit and vegetable consumption. HPNAP and JSY work in partnership with EFPs to improve the health and nutrition status of people in need of food assistance in the State.

HPNAP maximizes service levels by utilizing the cost efficient emergency food relief network, and by closely monitoring contractor performance. All contractors receiving HPNAP funding must complete timely, accurate reports of monthly service levels, as specified in the HPNAP contract. In addition, HPNAP contract managers perform site visits for each of the program's 46 contractors each year.

### **Budget and HSI Claiming Details**

The main funding source for the program is a Department appropriation, located within the Center for Community Health Program major program. The appropriation is General Fund / Local Assistance, and is included in the Aid to Localities budget bill. The General Fund is the State's main operating fund.

During SFY 2015-16, the most recent period for which data are available, the number of children served age birth through 17 was 9,407,669, out of a total population served of 32,671,450. As such, it can be asserted that 28.7% of funding relates to children age birth through 18. Total HPNAP expenses will be multiplied by 28.7% to establish the amount of funding related to children age birth through 18. This figure will then be multiplied by the current CHIP federal matching rate of 88% to calculate the amount of expenses that can be transferred to CHIP federal funding.

The contracts associated with these programs use the State funded appropriation referenced above, but also receive a small amount of federal funding through Nutrition-related grants. However, these federal funds are an allocation and not a match. For the purpose of the HSI, the federal funding allocation will be excluded and only the State funds will be considered.

Periodic general ledger journal entries will be processed to move the qualified expenditures to CHIP federal funding. These transactions will be performed in SFS, and are approved within the Department, and at OSC. Backup documentation will be included when the journal entries are processed. There is distinct coding in SFS for HPNAP funding, and for CHIP funding. There is also a specific program code for CHIP HSI expenditures, to distinguish them from other CHIP expenditures.

Upon SPA approval, a general ledger journal entry or entries will be processed to charge CHIP federal funding for HSI-related expenditures retroactive to April 1, 2016, the effective date of the SPA. Prospectively, journal entries will be processed to transfer HSI-related expenditures to CHIP federal funding.

### **3. Lead Prevention Program and Lead Poisoning Prevention**

#### **Program Details**

The Lead Prevention Program and Lead Poisoning Prevention are authorized in Section 1370-1376-a of the New York State Public Health Law. They are administered within the Department by the Centers for Environmental Health's Division of Environmental Health and Food Protection. The Department contracts with local health departments (LHDs), the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Regional Lead Resource Centers, to enable the Department to conduct activities for the elimination of lead poisoning in New York State.

Contracts are established with 57 LHDs to find and reduce sources of lead before they can harm children; teach the public, health care providers, and others about lead; promote lead testing for children and pregnant women to make sure lead poisoning is found as early as possible; help children with lead poisoning by making sure they get the treatment they need; and help families find the sources of lead in their home.

There is an emphasis on broad population-based outreach, education, policy and system changes, with more intensive efforts targeted to the populations at highest risk for lead poisoning. This comprehensive public health approach addresses all aspects of lead poisoning prevention, including: education to families, health care providers, professionals, and the public; surveillance and data analysis; laboratory reporting and quality assurance; promotion and assurance of childhood lead testing; assurance of timely, comprehensive medical and environmental management for children with lead poisoning; policy and program activities to advance primary prevention of lead poisoning to reduce exposure before children become lead poisoned; and response to emerging lead-related public health issues, such as lead poisoning among refugee children and recalls of toys and other consumer products contaminated with lead.

Children with elevated blood lead levels receive timely and appropriate follow-up services. These medical follow-up services are performed by a health care provider. The specific follow-up care is based on blood test results. The actual treatment services provided are not paid with lead program funding, but through the insurance, private or public, of the individual. The LHDs ensure that best practices/appropriate care is provided in timely manner.

If a child is identified with a blood lead level above regulatory or program limits, a referral is made for environmental intervention. Upon child referral, the LDH or State District Office with jurisdiction will assess the route of exposure, inspect the housing for lead exposure hazards, and enforce the correction of remediation activity. Costs of remediation are borne by the property owner.

The LHDs are responsible for the development and implementation of specific and measurable work plan activities based on local community assessments in five core program areas (education, primary prevention, surveillance, screening/blood lead testing, and increasing environmental follow-up services for children with elevated blood lead levels). The LHDs submit quarterly program reports to the Department that describe progress in achieving work plan objectives with quantifiable measures for activities, and include any accomplishments and/or barriers of effective program operation during the quarter. Department staff members conduct site visits at least once every three years to monitor LHDs.

Regional Lead Poisoning Prevention Resource Centers (Centers) submit quarterly narrative reports on work plan activities and participate in quarterly conference calls with Department staff. Funding is provided based on the approval of work plans and budgets, and contractors are evaluated on their effectiveness in implementing work plan activities. The Centers provide education and medical consultation, technical assistance, training and evaluation for health care providers and local health departments across the State. The Centers accept referrals of and provide consultation for lead poisoned children, and provide referrals for pregnant women and postpartum for medical treatment as necessary.

### **Budget and HSI Claiming Details**

The main funding source for the program is from New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) appropriations. The funding is suballocated, or sent and made available to, the Department via an Inter-unit Budget Transfer in SFS.

Program has indicated that 95% of the funding is for services related to children age birth through 18. Therefore, total State funds expenses will be multiplied by 95% to establish the amount of funding that is related to children age birth through 18. This figured will then be multiplied by the CHIP federal matching rate of 88% to calculate the amount of expenses that can be transferred to CHIP federal funding.

The contracts for these two programs use the State funded DFS appropriations referenced above, but also use federal funding from the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. However, these federal funds are an allocation and not a match. For the HSI, the federal funding allocation will be excluded, and only the State funds will be considered. Some lead program funding is claimed as part of Designated State Health Programs (DSHP), but any such funding will also be excluded from HSI consideration.

Periodic general ledger journal entries will be processed to move the qualified expenditures to CHIP federal funding. These transactions will be performed in SFS and are approved within the Department, and at OSC. Backup documentation will be included when the journal entries are processed. There is distinct coding in SFS for lead program funding, and for CHIP funding. There

is also a specific program code for CHIP HSI expenditures, to distinguish them from other CHIP expenditures.

Upon SPA approval, a general ledger journal entry or entries will be processed to charge CHIP federal funding for HSI-related expenditures retroactive to April 1, 2016, the effective date of the SPA. Prospectively, journal entries will be processed to transfer HSI-related expenditures to CHIP federal funding.

Assurances

New York assures that the proposed HSI programs described above will not supplant or match CHIP federal funds with other federal funds, nor allow other federal funds to supplant or match CHIP federal funds.

New York also assures that all (100 percent) of the funds transferred (state and federal) are retained by the Opioid Drug Addiction and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program for Schools, the Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) and the Lead Prevention and Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs.

## 2.3-TC

**Tribal Consultation Requirements-** (Sections 1902(a)(73) and 2107(e)(1)(C)); (ARRA #2, CHIPRA #3, issued May 28, 2009) Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires a State in which one or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services to establish a process for the State Medicaid agency to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from designees of Indian health programs, whether operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribes or Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), or Urban Indian Organizations under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA). Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Act was also amended to apply these requirements to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Consultation is required concerning Medicaid and CHIP matters having a direct impact on Indian health programs and Urban Indian organizations.

Describe the process the State uses to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from federally-recognized tribes, Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations on matters related to Medicaid and CHIP programs and for consultation on State Plan Amendments, waiver proposals, waiver extensions, waiver amendments, waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects prior to submission to CMS. Include information about the frequency, inclusiveness and process for seeking such advice.

## Section 4. Eligibility Standards and Methodology

Guidance: States electing to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the State's Medicaid plan or combination plan should check the appropriate box and provide the ages and income level for each eligibility group. If the State is electing to take up the option to expand Medicaid eligibility as allowed under section 214 of CHIPRA regarding lawfully residing, complete section 4.1-LR as well as update the budget to reflect the additional costs if the state will claim title XXI match for these children until and if the time comes that the children are eligible for Medicaid.

### 4.0. Medicaid Expansion

#### 4.0.1. Ages of each eligibility group and the income standard for that group:

Children ages 6-18 from 100 to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level

### 4.1. Separate Program Check all standards that will apply to the State plan. (42CFR 457.305(a) and 457.320(a))

#### 4.1.0 Describe how the State meets the citizenship verification requirements. Include whether or not State has opted to use SSA verification option.

In accordance with Section 211 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), New York State enacted legislation effective October 1, 2010 adding a new eligibility requirement that children applying for Child Health Plus coverage who declare to be a United States citizen produce satisfactory documentary evidence of their citizenship status and identity. New York State has implemented the data file match process afforded under CHIPRA to comply with this requirement. Applying children who do not provide their Social Security Number and those children whose citizenship cannot be successfully verified by the Social Security Administration must supply documentation of United States citizenship and identity.

#### 4.1.1 Geographic area served by the Plan if less than Statewide:

#### 4.1.2 Ages of each eligibility group, including unborn children and pregnant women (if applicable) and the income standard for that group:



**4.1.2.1-PC**  Age: Less than 19 years of age under 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

**4.1.3**  Income of each separate eligibility group (if applicable):

**4.1.3.1-PC**  0% of the FPL (and not eligible for Medicaid) through 400% of the FPL (SHO #02-004, issued November 12, 2002)

Effective September 1, 2008, a child residing in a household having a gross household income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level (as defined and annually revised by the federal Office of Management and Budget) is eligible for Child Health Plus.

**4.1.4** Resources of each separate eligibility group (including any standards relating to spend downs and disposition of resources):

**4.1.5** Residency (so long as residency requirement is not based on length of time in state):

A child must be a resident of New York State.

**4.1.6** Disability Status (so long as any standard relating to disability status does not restrict eligibility):

**4.1.7** Access to or coverage under other health coverage:

Child must not be eligible for Medicaid, have other insurance coverage unless the policy is one of the "Excepted Benefits" set forth in federal Public Health Service Act (accident only coverage or disability income insurance; coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance; liability insurance, including auto insurance; worker's compensation or similar insurance; automobile medical payment insurance; credit-only insurance; coverage for on-site medical clinics; dental only, vision only, or long term care insurance; specified disease coverage; hospital indemnity or other fixed dollar indemnity coverage; or CHAMPUS/Tricare supplemental coverage) or have a parent or guardian who is a public employee of the State or public agency with access to family health insurance coverage by a state health benefits plan where the public agency pays all or part of the cost of the family health insurance coverage.

4.1.8  Duration of eligibility, not to exceed 12 months:

The period of eligibility shall commence on the first day of the month during which a child is determined eligible, as described below, and end on the last day of the twelfth month of coverage. The period of eligibility shall cease if the child no longer resides in New York State; has access to the New York State Health Insurance Program or has obtained other health insurance coverage; has become enrolled in Medicaid; has reached the age of 19; or the applicable premium payment has not been paid. At the State's discretion, either allow additional time for enrollees to pay outstanding family premium contributions or waive such contributions for enrollees living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or re-determination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

Effective January 1, 2014, children whose application is submitted to New York State of Health (NY State of Health), New York's Health Insurance Marketplace, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, shall be enrolled on the first day of the next month if determined eligible. Applications received by NY State of Health after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month will be processed for the first day of the second subsequent month. In no case is a child enrolled more than 45 days after submission of the application.

Effective January 1, 2017, a newborn who applies for coverage, is found eligible for the Child Health Plus program and selects a health plan within 60 days of the child's date of birth, will be given eligibility retroactive to the first day of the month of the child's date of birth. The family is provided with the option to choose the enrollment start date which can be either retroactive to the first of the month of the date of birth, the first of the month after the date of birth or prospective based on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month rule described above.

Families are required to report changes in New York State residency or health insurance coverage that would make a child ineligible for subsidy payments. Effective January 1, 2014, these changes must be provided to New York State of Health if that is where enrollment originated. If enrollment originated with the health plan prior to January 1, 2014, changes must be reported directly to the health plan. If a family submits required eligibility information that affects their enrollment status, the information will be implemented prospectively. A family may incur a different family premium contribution or enrolled in Medicaid based on the new information.

4.1.9  Other Standards- Identify and describe other standards for or affecting eligibility, including those standards in 457.310 and 457.320 that are not addressed above. For instance:

Guidance: States may only require the SSN of the child who is applying for coverage. If SSNs are required and the State covers unborn children, indicate that the unborn children are exempt from providing a SSN. Other standards include, but are not limited to prescriptive eligibility and deemed newborns.

4.1.9.1  States should specify whether Social Security Numbers (SSN) are required.

New York requires that an applicant provide their social security number if they have one. Applicants who are unable to obtain a social security number due to their immigration status or because of religious objections may still apply for and be eligible for coverage.

Guidance: States should describe their continuous eligibility process and populations that can be continuously eligible.

4.1.9.2  Continuous eligibility

Fully eligible children are granted twelve months of continuous eligibility with the following exceptions: the child no longer resides in New York State; the child has access to the New York State Health Insurance Program or has obtained other health insurance coverage; the child has enrolled in Medicaid; the child has reached the age of 19; or the applicable premium payment has not been paid. At the State's discretion, either allow additional time for enrollees to pay outstanding family premium contributions or waive such contributions for enrollees living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or re-determination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

4. 1-PW  **Pregnant Women Option** (section 2112) The State includes eligibility for one or more populations of targeted low-income pregnant women under the plan. Describe the population of pregnant women that the State proposes to cover in this section. Include all eligibility criteria, such as those described in the above categories (for instance, income and resources) that will be applied to this population. Use the same reference number system for those criteria (for example, 4.1.1-P for a geographic restriction). Please remember to update sections 8.1.1-PW, 8.1.2-PW, and 9.10 when electing this option.

Guidance: States have the option to cover groups of “lawfully residing” children and/or pregnant women. States may elect to cover (1) “lawfully residing” children described at section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the Act; (2) “lawfully residing” pregnant women described at section 2107(e)(1)(J) of the Act; or (3) both. A state electing to cover children and/or pregnant women who are considered lawfully residing in the U.S. must offer coverage to all such individuals who meet the definition of lawfully residing, and may not cover a subgroup or only certain groups. In addition, states may not cover these new groups only in CHIP, but must also extend the coverage option to Medicaid. States will need to update their budget to reflect the additional costs for coverage of these children. If a State has been covering these children with State only funds, it is helpful to indicate that so CMS understands the basis for the enrollment estimates and the projected cost of providing coverage. Please remember to update section 9.10 when electing this option.

#### 4.1- LR

**Lawfully Residing Option** (Sections 2107(e)(1)(J) and 1903(v)(4)(A); (CHIPRA # 17, SHO # 10-006 issued July 1, 2010) Check if the State is electing the option under section 214 of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) regarding lawfully residing to provide coverage to the following otherwise eligible pregnant women and children as specified below who are lawfully residing in the United States including the following:

A child or pregnant woman shall be considered lawfully present if he or she is:

- (1) A qualified alien as defined in section 431 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1641);
- (2) An alien in nonimmigrant status who has not violated the terms of the status under which he or she was admitted or to which he or she has changed after admission;
- (3) An alien who has been paroled into the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. §1182(d)(5)) for less than 1 year, except for an alien paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;
- (4) An alien who belongs to one of the following classes:
  - (i) Aliens currently in temporary resident status pursuant to section 210 or 245A of the INA (8 U.S.C. §§1160 or 1255a, respectively);
  - (ii) Aliens currently under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) pursuant to section 244 of the INA (8 U.S.C. §1254a), and pending applicants for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;
  - (iii) Aliens who have been granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(9), (10), (16), (18), (20), (22), or (24);

- (iv) Family Unity beneficiaries pursuant to section 301 of Pub. L. 101649, as amended;
  - (v) Aliens currently under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) pursuant to a decision made by the President;
  - (vi) Aliens currently in deferred action status; or
  - (vii) Aliens whose visa petition has been approved and who have a pending application for adjustment of status;
- (5) A pending applicant for asylum under section 208(a) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1158) or for withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1231) or under the Convention Against Torture who has been granted employment authorization, and such an applicant under the age of 14 who has had an application pending for at least 180 days;
  - (6) An alien who has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;
  - (7) A child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in section 101(a)(27)(J) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J));
  - (8) An alien who is lawfully present in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under 48 U.S.C. § 1806(e); or
  - (9) An alien who is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa.

Elected for pregnant women.  
 Elected for children under age 19.

**4.1.1-LR**  The State provides assurance that for an individual whom it enrolls in Medicaid under the CHIPRA Lawfully Residing option, it has verified, at the time of the individual's initial eligibility determination and at the time of the eligibility redetermination, that the individual continues to be lawfully residing in the United States. The State must first attempt to verify this status using information provided at the time of initial application. If the State cannot do so from the information readily available, it must require the individual to provide documentation or further evidence to verify satisfactory immigration status in the same manner as it would for anyone else claiming satisfactory immigration status under section 1137(d) of the Act.

**4. 1-DS**  **Supplemental Dental** (Section 2103(c)(5) - A child who is eligible to enroll in dental only supplemental coverage, effective January 1, 2009. Eligibility is limited to only targeted low-income children who are otherwise eligible for CHIP but for the fact that they are enrolled in a group health plan or health insurance offered through an employer. The State's CHIP plan income eligibility level is at least the highest income eligibility standard under its approved State child health plan (or under a waiver) as of January 1, 2009. All who meet the eligibility standards and apply for dental-only supplemental coverage shall be provided benefits. States choosing this option must report these children separately in SEDS. Please update sections 1.1-DS, 4.2-DS, and 9.10 when electing this option.

**4.2.Assurances** The State assures by checking the box below that it has made the following findings with respect to the eligibility standards in its plan: (Section 2102(b)(1)(B) and 42 CFR 457.320(b))

**4.2.1.** These standards do not discriminate on the basis of  
 diagnosis.

**4.2.2.** Within a defined group of covered targeted low-income children, these standards do not cover children of higher income families without covering children with a lower family income. This applies to pregnant women included in the State plan as well as targeted low-income children.

**4.2.3.**  These standards do not deny eligibility based on a child having a preexisting medical condition. This applies to pregnant women as well as targeted low-income children.

**2-DS Supplemental Dental** - Please update sections 1.1-DS, 4.1-DS, and 9.10 when electing this option. For dental-only supplemental coverage, the State assures that it has made the following findings with standards in its plan: (Section 2102(b)(1)(B) and 42 CFR 457.320(b))

**4.2.1-DS**  These standards do not discriminate on the basis of diagnosis.

**4.2.2-DS**  Within a defined group of covered targeted low-income children, these standards do not cover children of higher income families without covering children with a lower family income.

**4.2.3-DS**  These standards do not deny eligibility based on a child having pre-existing medical condition.

**4.3. Methodology.** Describe the methods of establishing and continuing eligibility and enrollment. The description should address the procedures for applying the eligibility standards, the organization and infrastructure responsible for making and reviewing eligibility determinations, and the process for enrollment of individuals receiving covered services, and whether the State uses the same application form for Medicaid and/or other public benefit programs. (Section 2102)(b)(2)) (42CFR, 457.350)

Children must recertify annually. At the State's discretion, additional time may be allowed for enrollees to complete the renewal process for enrollees living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

Guidance: The box below should be checked as related to children and pregnant women. Please note: A State providing dental-only supplemental coverage may not have a waiting list or limit eligibility in any way.

**4.2.1. Limitation on Enrollment** Describe the processes, if any, that a State will use for instituting enrollment caps, establishing waiting lists, and deciding which children will be given priority for enrollment. If this section does not apply to your state, check the box below. (Section 2102(b)(2)) (42CFR, 457.305(b))

Check here if this section does not apply to your State.

Guidance: Note that for purposes of presumptive eligibility, States do not need to verify the citizenship status of the child. States electing this option should indicate so in the State plan. (42 CFR 457.355)

**4.2.2.**  Check if the State elects to provide presumptive eligibility for children that meets the requirements of section 1920A of the Act. (Section 2107(e)(1)(L)); (42 CFR 457.355)

A two-month presumptive period of eligibility is available to children as a means of providing services under the Child Health Plus program when a child appears eligible for the program but pertinent documentation is missing. Effective January 1, 2014, if one or more pieces of required documentation such as income or immigration status is missing but the applicant appears eligible based on the application submitted to NY State of Health, the family is allowed up to two months to submit the documentation or the child is disenrolled from the program. At the State's discretion, additional time may be allowed for enrollees to supply required documentation to fully enroll the child for enrollees living in and/or working in FEMA or Governor declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event. In the event of a disaster, the State will notify CMS of the intent to provide temporary adjustments to its enrollment and/or redetermination policies, the effective dates of such adjustments and the counties/areas impacted by the disaster.

Guidance: Describe how the State intends to implement the Express Lane option. Include information on the identified Express Lane agency or agencies, and whether the State will be using the Express Lane eligibility option for the initial eligibility determinations, redeterminations, or both.

**4.3. 3-EL Express Lane Eligibility**  Check here if the state elects the option to rely on a finding from an Express Lane agency when determining whether a child satisfies one or more components of CHIP eligibility. The state agrees to comply with the requirements of sections 2107(e)(1)(E) and 1902(e)(13) of the Act for this option. Please update sections 4.4-EL, 5.2-EL, 9.10, and 12.1 when electing this option. This authority may not apply to eligibility determinations made before February 4, 2009, or after September 30, 2013. (Section 2107(e)(1)(E))

**4.3.3.1-EL** Also indicate whether the Express Lane option is applied to (1) initial eligibility determination, (2) redetermination, or (3) both.

**4.3.3.2-EL** List the public agencies approved by the State as Express Lane agencies.

**4.3.3.3-EL** List the components/components of CHIP eligibility that are determined under the Express Lane. In this section, specify any differences in budget unit, deeming, income exclusions, income disregards, or other methodology between CHIP eligibility determinations for such children and the determination under the Express Lane option.

**4.3.3.3-EL** List the component/components of CHIP eligibility that are determined under the Express Lane.

**4.3.3.4-EL** Describe the option used to satisfy the screen and enrollment requirements before a child may be enrolled under title XXI.



Guidance: States should describe the process they use to screen and enroll children required under section 2102(b)(3)(A) and (B) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 457.350(a) and 457.80(c). Describe the screening threshold set as a percentage of the Federal poverty level (FPL) that exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points. (NOTE: The State may set this threshold higher than 30 percentage points to account for any differences between the income calculation methodologies used by an Express Lane agency and those used by the State for its Medicaid program. The State may set one screening threshold for all children, based on the highest Medicaid income threshold, or it may set more than one screening threshold, based on its existing, age-related Medicaid eligibility thresholds.) Include the screening threshold(s) expressed as a percentage of the FPL, and provide an explanation of how this was calculated. Describe whether the State is temporarily enrolling children in CHIP, based on the income finding from an Express Lane agency, pending the completion of the screen and enroll process.

In this section, states should describe their eligibility screening process in a way that addresses the five assurances specified below. The State should consider including important definitions, the relationship with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and other applicable criteria that will describe the State's ability to make assurances.

(Sections 2102(b)(3)(A) and 2110(b)(2)(B)), (42 CFR 457.310(b)(2), 42CFR 457.350(a)(1) and 457.80(c)(3))

#### **4.4. Eligibility screening and coordination with other health coverage programs**

States must describe how they will assure that:

- 4.4.1.**  only targeted low-income children who are ineligible for Medicaid or not covered under a group health plan or health insurance (including access to a State health benefits plan) are furnished child health assistance under the plan. (Sections 2102(b)(3)(A), 2110(b)(2)(B)) (42 CFR 457.310(b), 42 CFR 457.350(a)(1) and 42 CFR 457.80(c)(3)) Confirm that the State does not apply a waiting period for pregnant women.

Effective January 1, 2014, New York State of Health application asks if the child has any other health insurance or Medicaid. If the child indicates he/she has other coverage, the application further asks for specific detail to determine if it is one of the excepted benefits as stated in 4.1.7. If it is not, the child is determined ineligible for Child Health Plus coverage. As a further check, prior to enrollment, a check is performed to ensure the child does not have Medicaid or other public coverage. If this results in a match, the child is not enrolled in Child Health Plus.

- 4.4.2.  children found through the screening process to be potentially eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan are enrolled for assistance under such plan; (Section 2102(b)(3)(B)) (42CFR, 457.350(a)(2))

Effective January 1, 2014, New York State of Health, New York's Health Insurance Marketplace, is an integrated eligibility system that determines eligibility for Child Health Plans, Medicaid and Qualified Health Plans, with and without tax credits. The applicant applies for financial assistance, not a specific program. If, based on eligibility factors, the child is determined Medicaid eligible, he/she will be enrolled in Medicaid and not Child Health Plans.

- 4.4.3.  children found through the screening process to be ineligible for Medicaid are enrolled in CHIP; (Sections 2102(a)(1) and (2) and 2102(c)(2)) (42CFR 431.636(b)(4))

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- 4.4.4.  the insurance provided under the State child health plan does not substitute for coverage under group health plans. (Section 2102(b)(3)(C)) (42CFR, 457.805)

The State monitors prior insurance of applicants to ensure that the program does not substitute for coverage under group health plans. The application on New York State of Health asks if the applicant currently has insurance or if they have had coverage within the past 90 days. If they currently have health coverage, they are not eligible for the program. If they had health coverage, they are questioned if it was through their employer and the reason they no longer have health insurance through their employer. For children under 250 percent of the federal poverty level, the State collects the information on prior health insurance status quarterly from the health plans. This information is analyzed to determine the percentage of new enrollees who have dropped employer-based health insurance for

enrollment in CHIP. If the percentage reaches an average of eight (8) percent for the last three (3) quarters, a six-month waiting period will be imposed. The responsible adult filling out an application must attest to the source and nature of any health care coverage the child is receiving or has received in the past six months.

Children whose gross family income is between 251% and 400% of the federal poverty level (as defined and updated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services) cannot have had a private employer-based health insurance coverage during the past six months unless such coverage was dropped due to the following:

- (a) Loss of employment due to factors other than voluntary separation;
- (b) Death of the family member which results in termination of coverage under a group health plan under which the child is covered;
- (c) Change to a new employer that does not provide an option for comprehensive health benefits coverage;
- (d) Change of residence so that no employer-based comprehensive health benefits coverage is available;
- (e) Discontinuation of comprehensive health benefits coverage to all employees of the applicant's employer;
- (f) Expiration of the coverage periods established by COBRA or the provisions of subsection (m) of section three thousand two hundred twenty-one, subsection (k) of section four thousand three hundred forty and subsection (e) of section four thousand three hundred five of the insurance law;
- (g) Termination of comprehensive health benefits coverage due to long term disability;
- (h) The cost of employment based health insurance is more than 5 percent of the family's income;
- (i) A child applying for coverage under these provisions is pregnant;
- (j) A child applying for coverage under this provision is at or below the age of five;
- (k) Child has special health care needs;
- (l) Child lost coverage as a result of a divorce; or
- (m) The cost of family coverage including the child exceeds 9.5% of household income.

The Department will monitor the number of children who are subject to the waiting period.

4.4.4.1.  (formerly 4.4.4.4) If the State provides coverage under a premium assistance program, describe: 1) the minimum period without coverage under a group health plan. This should include any allowable exceptions to the waiting period; 2) the expected minimum level of contribution employers will make; and 3) how cost-effectiveness is determined. (42CFR 457.810(a)-(c))

4.4.5.  Child health assistance is provided to targeted low-income children in the State who are American Indian and Alaska Native. (Section 2102(b)(3)(D)) (42 CFR 457.125(a))

Through statewide CHIPs and Medicaid coverage, the provision of health insurance to targeted low-income children in the State who are Indians as defined in section 4(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1603(c) is ensured. The Department also maintains an Indian Health Program which deals directly with the Native American populations on or near all reservations in the State. All health care providers who deal with the Native American population encourage enrollment in CHIPs. The referral process to CHIPs is included in the contracts between the Department and reservation health care providers.

To further enhance outreach and potential enrollment of Native Americans, several IPA/Navigator grantees provide application assistance to tribes throughout the State. ~~This includes a grant with the American Indian Community House.~~

Guidance: When the State is using an income finding from an Express Lane agency, the State must still comply with screen and enroll requirements before enrolling children in CHIP. The State may either continue its current screen and enroll process, or elect one of two new options to fulfill these requirements.

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The State should designate the option it will be using to carry out screen and enroll requirements:

The State will continue to use the screen and enroll procedures required under section 2102(b)(3)(A) and (B) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 457.350(a) and 42 CFR 457.80(c). Describe this process.

The State is establishing a screening threshold set as a percentage of the Federal poverty level (FPL) that exceeds the highest Medicaid income threshold applicable to a child by a minimum of 30 percentage points. (NOTE: The State may set this threshold higher than 30 percentage points to account for any differences between the income calculation methodologies used by the Express Lane agency and those used by the State for its Medicaid program. The State may set one screening threshold for all children, based on the highest Medicaid income threshold, or it may set more than one screening threshold, based on its existing, age-related Medicaid eligibility thresholds.) Include the screening threshold(s) expressed as a percentage of the FPL, and provide an explanation of how this was calculated.

The State is temporarily enrolling children in CHIP, based on the income finding from the Express Lane agency, pending the completion of the screen and enroll process.

## Section 6. Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance

Check here if the State elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the State's Medicaid plan and proceed to Section 7 since children covered under a Medicaid expansion program will receive all Medicaid covered services including EPSDT.

**6.1.** The State elects to provide the following forms of coverage to children: (Check all that apply.) (Section 2103(c)); (42CFR 457.410(a))

Guidance: Benchmark coverage is substantially equal to the benefits coverage in a benchmark benefit package (FEHBP-equivalent coverage, State employee coverage, and/or the HMO coverage plan that has the largest insured commercial, non-Medicaid enrollment in the state). If box below is checked, either 6.1.1.1., 6.1.1.2., or 6.1.1.3. must also be checked. (Section 2103(a)(1))

**6.1.1.**  Benchmark coverage; (Section 2103(a)(1) and 42 CFR 457.420)

Guidance: Check box below if the benchmark benefit package to be offered by the State is the standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred provider option service benefit plan, as described in and offered under Section 8903(1) of Title 5, United States Code. (Section 2103(b)(1) (42 CFR 457.420(b))

**6.1.1.1.**  FEHBP-equivalent coverage; (Section 2103(b)(1) (42 CFR 457.420(a)) (If checked, attach copy of the plan.)

Guidance: Check box below if the benchmark benefit package to be offered by the State is State employee coverage, meaning a coverage plan that is offered and generally available to State employees in the state. (Section 2103(b)(2))

**6.1.1.2.**  State employee coverage; (Section 2103(b)(2)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description.)

Guidance: Check box below if the benchmark benefit package to be offered by the State is offered by a health maintenance organization (as defined in Section 2791(b)(3) of the Public Health Services Act) and has the largest insured commercial, non-Medicaid enrollment of covered lives of such coverage plans offered by an HMO in the state. (Section 2103(b)(3) (42 CFR 457.420(c)))

**6.1.1.3.**  HMO with largest insured commercial enrollment (Section 2103(b)(3)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description.)

Guidance: States choosing Benchmark-equivalent coverage must check the box below and ensure that the coverage meets the following requirements:

- The coverage includes benefits for items and services within each of the categories of basic services described in 42 CFR 457.430:
  - dental services
  - inpatient and outpatient hospital services,
  - physicians' services,
  - surgical and medical services,
  - laboratory and x-ray services,
  - well-baby and well-child care, including age-appropriate immunizations, and
  - emergency services;
- The coverage has an aggregate actuarial value that is at least actuarially equivalent to one of the benchmark benefit packages (FEHBP-equivalent coverage, State employee coverage, or coverage offered through an HMO coverage plan that has the largest insured commercial enrollment in the state); and
- The coverage has an actuarial value that is equal to at least 75 percent of the actuarial value of the additional categories in such package, if offered, as described in 42 CFR 457.430:
  - coverage of prescription drugs,
  - mental health services,
  - vision services and
  - hearing services.

If 6.1.2. is checked, a signed actuarial memorandum must be attached. The actuary who prepares the opinion must select and specify the standardized set and population to be used under paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of 42 CFR 457.431. The State must provide sufficient detail to explain the basis of the methodologies used to estimate the actuarial value or, if requested by CMS, to replicate the State results.

The actuarial report must be prepared by an individual who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. This report must be prepared in accordance with the principles and standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. In preparing the report, the actuary must use generally accepted actuarial principles and methodologies, use a standardized set of utilization and price factors, use a standardized population that is representative of privately insured children of the age of children who are expected to be covered under the State child health plan, apply the same principles and factors in comparing the value of different coverage (or categories of services), without taking into account any differences in coverage based on the method of delivery or means of cost control or utilization used, and take into account the ability of a State to reduce benefits by taking into account the increase in actuarial value of benefits coverage offered under the State child health plan

that res lts from the limitations on cost sharing nder s ch coverage. (Section 2103(a)(2))

- 6.1.2.  Benchmark-eq ivalent coverage; (Section 2103(a)(2) and 42 CFR 457.430) Specify the coverage, incl ding the amo nt, scope and d ration of each service, as well as any excl sions or limitations. Attach a signed act arial report that meets the req irements specified in 42 CFR 457.431.

G idance: A State approved nder the provision below, may modify its program from time to time so long as it contin es to provide coverage at least eq al to the lower of the act arial val e of the coverage nder the program as of A g st 5, 1997, or one of the benchmark programs. If “existing comprehensive state-based coverage” is modified, an act arial opinion doc menting that the act arial val e of the modification is greater than the val e as of A g st 5, 1997, or one of the benchmark plans m st be attached. Also, the fiscal year 1996 State expendit res for “existing comprehensive state-based coverage” m st be described in the space provided for all states. (Section 2103(a)(3))

- 6.1.3.  Existing Comprehensive State-Based Coverage; (Section 2103(a)(3) and 42 CFR 457.440) This option is only applicable to New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Attach a description of the benefits package, administration, and date of enactment. If existing comprehensive State-based coverage is modified, provide an act arial opinion doc menting that the act arial val e of the modification is greater than the val e as of A g st 5, 1997 or one of the benchmark plans. Describe the fiscal year 1996 State expendit res for existing comprehensive state-based coverage.

G idance: Secretary-approved coverage refers to any other health benefits coverage deemed appropriate and acceptable by the Secretary upon application by a state. (Section 2103(a)(4)) (42 CFR 457.250)

- 6.1.4.  Secretary-approved Coverage. (Section 2103(a)(4)) (42 CFR 457.450)

6.1.4.1.  Coverage the same as Medicaid State plan

6.1.4.2.  Comprehensive coverage for children nder a Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration waiver

6.1.4.3.  Coverage that either incl des the f ll EPSDT benefit or that the State has extended to the entire Medicaid pop lation

G idance: Check below if the coverage offered incl des benchmark coverage, as specified in 457.420, pl s additional coverage. Under this option, the State m st clearly demonstrate that the coverage it provides incl des the same coverage as the benchmark package, and also describes the services that are being added to the benchmark package.

6.1.4.4.  Coverage that incl des benchmark coverage pl s additional coverage

6.1.4.5.  Coverage that is the same as defined by existing comprehensive state-



based coverage applicable only New York, Pennsylvania, or Florida (under 457.440)

Guidance: Check below if the State is purchasing coverage through a group health plan, and intends to demonstrate that the group health plan is substantially equivalent to or greater than to coverage under one of the benchmark plans specified in 457.420, through use of a benefit-by-benefit comparison of the coverage. Provide a sample of the comparison format that will be used. Under this option, if coverage for any benefit does not meet or exceed the coverage for that benefit under the benchmark, the State must provide an actuarial analysis as described in 457.431 to determine actuarial equivalence.

6.1.4.6.  Coverage under a group health plan that is substantially equivalent to or greater than benchmark coverage through a benefit by benefit comparison (Provide a sample of how the comparison will be done)

Guidance: Check below if the State elects to provide a source of coverage that is not described above. Describe the coverage that will be offered, including any benefit limitations or exclusions.

6.1.4.7.  Other (Describe)

Guidance: All forms of coverage that the State elects to provide to children in its plan must be checked. The State should also describe the scope, amount and duration of services covered under its plan, as well as any exclusions or limitations. States that choose to cover newborn children under the State plan should include a separate section 6.2 that specifies benefits for the newborn child population. (Section 2110(a)) (42CFR, 457.490)

If the state elects to cover the new option of targeted low income pregnant women, but chooses to provide a different benefit package for these pregnant women under the CHIP plan, the state must include a separate section 6.2 describing the benefit package for pregnant women. (Section 2112)

6.2. The State elects to provide the following forms of coverage to children: (Check all that apply. If an item is checked, describe the coverage with respect to the amount, duration and scope of services covered, as well as any exclusions or limitations) (Section 2110(a)) (42CFR 457.490)

6.2.1.  Inpatient services (Section 2110(a)(1))

- **Inpatient Hospital Medical or Surgical Care**

Scope of Coverage: Inpatient hospital medical or surgical care will be considered a covered benefit for a registered bed patient for treatment

of an illness, injury or condition which cannot be treated on an outpatient basis. The hospital must be a short-term, acute care facility and New York State licensed.

Level of Coverage: Includes 365 days per year coverage for inpatient hospital services and services provided by physicians and other professional personnel for covered inpatient services; bed and board, including special diet and nutritional therapy; general, special and critical care nursing service, but not private duty nursing services; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to surgical operations, recovery facilities, anesthesia, and facilities for intensive or special care; oxygen and other inhalation therapeutic services and supplies; drugs and medications that are not experimental; sera, biologicals, vaccines, intravenous preparations, dressings, casts, and materials for diagnostic studies; blood products, except when participation in a volunteer blood replacement program is available to the insured or covered person, and services and equipment related to their administration; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to physical medicine and occupational therapy and rehabilitation; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to diagnostic studies and the monitoring of physiologic functions, including but not limited to laboratory, pathology, cardiographic, endoscopic, radiologic and electro-encephalographic studies and examinations; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to radiation and nuclear therapy; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to emergency medical care; chemotherapy; any additional medical, surgical, or related services, supplies and equipment that are customarily furnished by the hospital. No benefits will be provided for any out-of-hospital days, or if inpatient care was not necessary; no benefits are provided after discharge; benefits are paid in full for accommodations in a semi-private room.

6.2.2. ☒ Outpatient services (Section 2110(a)(2))

- **Professional Services for Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness and Injury**

Scope of Coverage: Provides services on ambulatory basis by a covered provider for medically necessary diagnosis and treatment of sickness and injury and other conditions including the screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. An Autism spectrum disorder means any pervasive developmental disorder as defined in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, including autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, Rett's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder or pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified. All

services related to outpatient visits are covered, including physician services.

Level of Coverage: No limitations. Includes wound dressing and casts to immobilize fractures for the immediate treatment of the medical condition. Injections and medications provided at the time of the office visit or therapy will be covered. Includes audiometric testing where deemed medically necessary.

- **Outpatient Surgery**

Scope of Coverage: Procedures performed within the provider's office will be covered as well as "ambulatory surgery procedures" which may be performed in a hospital-based ambulatory surgery service or a freestanding ambulatory surgery center.

Level of Coverage: The utilization review process will ensure that the ambulatory surgery is appropriately provided.

- **Emergency Medical Services**

Scope of Coverage: For services to treat an emergency condition in hospital facilities. For the purpose of this provision, "emergency condition" means a medical or behavioral condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in (A) placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition in serious jeopardy, or in the case of a behavioral condition placing the health of such person or others in serious jeopardy; (B) serious impairment to such person's bodily functions; (C) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or (D) serious disfigurement of such person.

Level of Coverage: No limitations.

**6.2.3.** ☒ Physician services (Section 2110(a)(3))

- **Pediatric Health Promotion visits.**

Scope of Coverage: Well child care visits in accordance with a visitation schedule established by American Academy of Pediatrics and the Childhood Immunization Schedule of the United States will be followed for immunizations.

Level of Coverage: Includes all services related to visits. Includes immunizations, well child care, health education, tuberculin tests

(Mantoux), hearing tests, dental and developmental screening, clinical laboratory and radiological tests, eye screening, and lead screening.

- **Professional Services for Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness and Injury**

See Section 6.2.2.

- **Professional Services for Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness and Injury**

See Section 6.2.2.

**6.2.4. ☒** Surgical services (Section 2110(a)(4))

- **Please refer to Section 6.2.1. Inpatient Services; Section 6.2.2. Outpatient Services; and Section 6.2.28 Maternity Services**
- **Pre-surgical testing**

Scope of Coverage: All tests, (laboratory, x-ray, etc) necessary prior to inpatient or outpatient surgery.

Level of Coverage: Benefits are available if a physician orders the tests; proper diagnosis and treatment require the tests; and the surgery takes place within 7 days after the testing. If surgery is cancelled because of pre-surgical test findings or as a result of a second opinion on surgery, the cost of the tests will be covered.

**6.2.5. ☒** Clinic services (including health center services) and other ambulatory health care services. (Section 2110(a)(5))

See Section 6.2.2 In accordance with section 503 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics (further referred to as FQHCs) will be reimbursed using an alternative payment methodology for all services provided on or after October 1, 2009.

The Department will be calculating monthly supplemental payments utilizing the Medicaid prospective payment system (PPS) rates of payment to FQHCs and information provided by the FQHC. Supplemental payments to the FQHC will be made to the FQHC through the participating CHPIS managed care organizations (MCO).

Supplemental payments will be made for only claims paid and/or approved by the MCOs and/or their subcontracted Independent Practice Associations (IPAs).

In order to qualify for and receive supplemental payments for services provided to CHPIS enrollees, each FQHC must have approved PPS rates in effect for the time period and site where services were provided to a MCO enrollee; have an executed contract with the MCO, or an IPA that contracts with the MCO, for the time period; and must have received, in the aggregate, MCO payments for services rendered that are less than the FQHC would have received for those same services under the appropriate PPS Medicaid rates.

FQHCs are required to bill MCOs for all encounters for which a supplemental payment is being requested. MCOs will make payments on those claims based on their current contract or approve those claims in cases where a capitated arrangement exists between both parties. This information must be maintained and reported to the Department to ensure that the State is only making payment for an approved service that was properly billed.

Based on the information reported to the Department from the FQHC, the Department will calculate the supplemental payment that is due to each FQHC for each MCO. This “supplemental payment” is the aggregate difference between what that FQHC is paid through contracts with MCOs and its specific Medicaid PPS rate accumulated for each month.

The total supplemental payments due to FQHCs will be added to the appropriate MCO’s monthly voucher for their CHPIS enrollees. The MCO will pay the FQHC the supplemental payment no later than the end of the month they receive payment on their voucher.

The Department will compare information received from the FQHCs to the encounter data submitted by the MCOs, reconcile any material differences and adjust the supplemental payments accordingly.

The Department plans to implement an initiative to incentivize the development of patient-centered medical homes for the CHPIS program. The medical home initiative is based upon the standards developed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA) for the Physician Practice Connections – Patient-Centered Medical Home Program (PPC-PCMH). The PPC-PCMH is a model of care that seeks to strengthen the physician-patient relationship by promoting improved access, coordinated care, and enhanced patient/family engagement. Office-based practitioners (physicians and registered nurse practitioners) and Article 28 clinics that are approved

as a medical homes and recognized by the NCQA as meeting the requirements of the PPC-PCMH program, will receive an additional payment for primary care services provided to CHPI's enrollees. Additionally, a subset of providers classified as medical homes came together to establish the Adirondack Medical Home Multipayer Demonstration Program. This Program was established to improve health care outcomes and efficiency through patient continuity and coordination of services. They will receive an additional payment for providing primary care services that differs from the medical home initiative describe above. The additional payment will be included in the per-member per-month all-inclusive premium paid to each MCO. The MCO is responsible for reimbursing the medical home. This initiative is expected to begin on October 1, 2011.

6.2.6. ☒ Prescription drugs (Section 2110(a)(6))

Scope of Coverage: Prescription medications must be authorized by a professional licensed to write prescriptions.

Level of Coverage: Prescriptions must be medically necessary. May be limited to generic medications where medically acceptable. Includes family planning or contraceptive medications or devices. All medications used for preventive and therapeutic purposes will be covered, including prescription drugs needed to treat an attention spectrum disorder. Vitamin coverage need not be mandated except when necessary to treat a diagnosed illness or condition.

6.2.7. ☒ Over-the-counter medications (Section 2110(a)(7))

Scope of Coverage: Non-prescription medications authorized by a professional licensed to write prescriptions.

Level of Coverage: All medications used for preventive and therapeutic purposes authorized by a professional licensed to write prescriptions will be covered.

6.2.8. ☒ Laboratory and radiological services (Section 2110(a)(8))

- **Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests**

Scope of Coverage: Prescribed ambulatory clinical laboratory tests and diagnostic x-rays.

Level of Coverage: No limitations.

6.2.9. ☒ Prenatal care and pre-pregnancy family services and supplies (Section 2110(a)(9))

- **Family Planning or Contraceptive Medications or Devices**

Scope of Coverage: Prescription medications must be authorized by a professional licensed to write prescriptions.

Level of Coverage: Prescriptions must be medically necessary. May be limited to generic medications where medically acceptable.

- **Prenatal Care**

See Section 6.2.28.

6.2.10. ☒ Inpatient mental health services, other than services described in 6.2.18., but including services furnished in a state-operated mental hospital and including residential or other 24-hour therapeutically planned structural services (Section 2110(a)(10))

Scope of coverage: Services provided in a facility operated by the Office of Mental Health under Section 7.17 of the Mental Hygiene Law, or a facility issued an operating certificate pursuant to Article 23 or Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law or a general hospital as defined in Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

Level of coverage: No limitations.

6.2.11. ☒ Outpatient mental health services, other than services described in 6.2.19, but including services furnished in a state-operated mental hospital and including community-based services (Section 2110(a)(11))

- **Outpatient visits for mental health**

Scope of Coverage: Services must be provided by certified and/or licensed professionals. Effective April 1, 2016, reimbursement for ambulatory behavioral health services provided by Article 28 (DOH), Article 31 (OMH) and Article 32 (OASAS) providers must be paid at least the equivalent of the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) rate.

Level of Coverage: No limitations, includes psychiatric and psychological care for treatment of an affective spectrum disorder.

6.2.12. ☒ Durable medical equipment and other medically-related or remedial devices (such as prosthetic devices, implants, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental devices, and adaptive devices) (Section 2110(a)(12))

- **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Scope of Coverage: All DME must be medically necessary and ordered by a plan physician.

Level of Coverage: DME not limited except there is no coverage for cranial prostheses (i.e. wigs) and dental prostheses, except those made necessary due to accidental injury to sound, natural teeth and provided within twelve months of the accident, and except for dental prostheses needed in treatment of a congenital abnormality or as part of reconstructive surgery. 2110(a)(13)) Includes coverage of assistive communication devices for children with a autism spectrum disorder, who are unable to communicate through normal means such as speech or in writing, for coverage of dedicated communication devices such as communication boards and speech-generating devices which are purchased or rented. Health plans are not responsible for covering items such as laptops, desktops, or tablet computers but are responsible for covering software and/or applications that enable a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer to function as a speech-generating device.

6.2.13. ☒ Disposable medical supplies (Section 2110(a)(13))

Guidance: Home and community based services may include supportive services such as home health nursing services, home health aide services, personal care, assistance with activities of daily living, chore services, day care services, respite care services, training for family members, and minor modifications to the home.

- **Diabetic Supplies and equipment 2110(a)(13))**

Scope of Coverage: Insulin, blood glucose monitors, blood glucose monitors for legally blind, data management systems, test strips for monitors and visual reading, urine test strips, insulin injection aids, cartridges for legally blind, syringes, insulin pumps and app tenances thereto, insulin infusion devices, oral agents.

Level of Coverage: As prescribed by a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under Title 8 of the Education Law.



- **Ostomy Supplies and equipment**

Scope of Coverage: Supplies and equipment used to contain diverted urine or fecal contents outside the body from a surgically created opening (stoma).

Level of Coverage: As prescribed by a health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under Title 8 of the Education Law.

**6.2.14.**  Home and community-based health care services (Section 2110(a)(14))  
Guidance: Nursing services may include nurse practitioner services, nurse midwife services, advanced practice nurse services, private duty nursing care, pediatric nurse services, and respiratory care services in a home, school or other setting.

- **Home Health Care Services**

Scope of Coverage: The care and treatment of a covered person who is under the care of a physician but only if hospitalization or confinement in a skilled nursing facility would have been otherwise required if home care was not provided, the service is approved in writing by such physician, and the plan covering the home health service is established by the Department.

Level of Coverage: Home care shall be provided by a certified home health agency possessing a valid certificate of approval issued pursuant to Article 36 of the Public Health Law. Home care shall consist of one or more of the following: part-time or intermittent home nursing care by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse (R.N.); part-time or intermittent home health aide services which consist primarily of caring for the patient; physical, occupational or speech therapy if provided by the home health agency; medical supplies, drugs and medications prescribed by a physician; and laboratory services by or on behalf of a certified home health agency to the extent such items would have been covered or provided if the covered person had been hospitalized or confined in a skilled nursing facility. A minimum of forty such visits must be provided in any calendar year.

- **Diabetic Education and Home Visits**

Scope of Coverage: Diabetes self-management education (including diet); recitation or refresher. Home visits for diabetic monitoring and/or education.

Level of Coverage: Limited to medically necessary visits where a physician diagnoses a significant change in the patient's symptoms or conditions which necessitate changes in a patient's self-management or where reeducation is necessary. May be provided by a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under Title 8 of the Education Law, or their staff, as part of an office visit for diabetes diagnosis or treatment, or by a certified diabetes nurse educator, certified nutritionist, certified dietitian or registered dietitian upon the referral of a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under Title 8 of the Education Law and shall be limited to group settings wherever practicable.

6.2.15.  Nursing care services (Section 2110(a)(15))

6.2.16.  Abortion only if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest (Section 2110(a)(16))

Scope of Coverage: The federally funded portion of the CHIP program will not be used to cover abortions except in the case of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

Level of Coverage: No limitations.

6.2.17.  Dental services (Section 2110(a)(17)) States updating their dental benefits must complete 6.2-DC (CHIPRA # 7, SHO # #09-012 issued October 7, 2009)  
Scope of Coverage: Emergency, preventive and routine dental services.

Level of Coverage: No limitations.

6.2.18.  Inpatient substance abuse treatment services and residential substance abuse treatment services (Section 2110(a)(18))

Scope of coverage: Services provided in a facility operated by the Office of Mental Health under Section 7.17 of the Mental Hygiene Law, or a facility issued an operating certificate pursuant to Article 23 or Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law or a general hospital as defined in Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

Level of coverage: No limitations.

6.2.19.  Outpatient substance abuse treatment services (Section 2110(a)(19))

Scope of coverage: Services must be provided by certified and/or licensed professionals.

Level of coverage: No limitations.

6.2.20.  Case management services (Section 2110(a)(20))

6.2.21.  Care coordination services (Section 2110(a)(21))

6.2.22.  Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders (Section 2110(a)(22))

- **Speech Therapy**

Scope of coverage: Speech therapies performed by an audiologist, language pathologist, a speech therapist and/or otolaryngologist.

Level of coverage: Those required for a condition amenable to significant clinical improvement within a two-month period, beginning with the first day of therapy. Covered speech therapy services for a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder shall also be provided if deemed habilitative or non-restorative.

- **Hearing**

Scope of coverage: Hearing examinations to determine the need for corrective action.

Level of coverage: One hearing examination per calendar year is covered. If an auditory deficiency requires additional hearing exams and follow-up exams, these exams will be covered. Hearing aids, including batteries and repairs, are covered. If medically necessary, more than one hearing aid will be covered.

- **Physical and Occupational Therapy**

Scope of coverage: Short-term physical and occupational therapies.

Level of coverage: These therapies must be medically necessary and under the supervision or referral of a licensed physician. Short-term physical and occupational therapies will be covered when ordered by a physician. Physical and occupational therapies for a child diagnosed

with an autism spectrum disorder are also covered when such treatment is deemed habilitative or nonrestorative.

**6.2.23.** ☒ Hospice care (Section 2110(a)(23))

Guidance: Any other medical, diagnostic, screening, preventive, restorative, remedial, therapeutic or rehabilitative service may be provided, whether in a facility, home, school, or other setting, if recognized by State law and only if the service is: 1) prescribed by or furnished by a physician or other licensed or registered practitioner within the scope of practice as prescribed by State law; 2) performed under the general supervision or at the direction of a physician; or 3) furnished by a health care facility that is operated by a State or local government or is licensed under State law and operating within the scope of the license.

- **Hospice**

Scope of Coverage: Coordinated hospice program of home and inpatient services which provide non-curative medical and support services for persons certified by a physician to be terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less.

Level of Coverage: Hospice services include palliative and supportive care provided to a patient to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stress which are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement. In accordance with Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act, children are allowed to receive hospice services without forgoing any medically necessary curative services included in the Child Health Plus benefit package. Hospice organizations must be certified under Article 40 of the NYS Public Health Law. All services must be provided by qualified employees and volunteers of the hospice or by qualified staff through contractual arrangements to the extent permitted by federal and state requirements. All services must be provided according to a written plan of care which reflects the changing needs of the patient/family. Family members are eligible for up to five visits for bereavement counseling (bereavement counseling not funded through program).

**6.2.24.** ☒ Any other medical, diagnostic, screening, preventive, restorative, remedial, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services. (Section 2110(a)(24))

- **Therapeutic Services**

Scope of Coverage: Ambulatory radiation therapy and chemotherapy. Injections and medications provided at time of therapy (i.e.,

chemotherapy) will also be covered. Hemodialysis will be a covered service. Short term physical and occupational therapies will be covered when ordered by a physician. Infusion of blood clotting factor and other services in connection with the treatment of blood clotting protein deficiencies.

Level of Coverage: No limitations. These therapies must be medically necessary and under the supervision or referral of a licensed physician. No experimental procedures or services will be reimbursed. Determination of the need for hemodialysis services and whether home based or facility based treatment is appropriate will be made by a licensed physician. Coverage for blood clotting factor, supplies and other services needed for home infusion of blood clotting factor for the treatment of a blood clotting protein deficiency. Infusion may be performed in an outpatient setting or in the home by a home health care agency, a properly trained parent or legal guardian of a child or a properly trained child that is physically and developmentally capable of self-administering such products.

6.2.25.  Premiums for private health care insurance coverage (Section 2110(a)(25))

6.2.26.  Medical transportation (Section 2110(a)(26))

Guidance: Enabling services, such as transportation, translation, and outreach services, may be offered only if designed to increase the accessibility of primary and preventive health care services for eligible low-income individuals.

- **Non-Air-Borne, pre-hospital emergency medical services provided by an ambulance service.**

Scope of Coverage: Pre-hospital emergency medical services, including prompt evaluation and treatment of an emergency condition and/or non-airborne transportation to a hospital.

Level of Coverage: Services must be provided by an ambulance service issued a certificate to operate pursuant to section 3005 of the Public Health Law. Evaluation and treatment services must be for an emergency condition defined as a medical or behavioral condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in (i) placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition in

serious jeopardy; (ii) serious impairment to such person's bodily functions; (iii) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or (iv) serious disfigurement of such person.

6.2.27.  Enabling services (such as transportation, translation, and outreach services) (Section 2110(a)(27))

6.2.28.  Any other health care services or items specified by the Secretary and not included under this Section (Section 2110(a)(28))

- **Maternity Care**

Scope of Coverage: Inpatient hospital coverage for at least 48 hours after childbirth for any delivery other than a Caesarean section (C-Section) and at least 96 hours following a C-Section. Also coverage of parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, and any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments. The mother shall have the option to be discharged earlier than the 48/96 hours, provided that at least one home care visit is covered post-discharge. Prenatal, labor and delivery care is covered, including surgical services rendered as part of a C-section.

Level of Coverage: No limitations; (However children potentially eligible for Medicaid requiring maternity care services will be referred to Medicaid. Pregnant women up to 200% net FPL are eligible for Medicaid's PCAP program. This is a program expressly designed for pregnant women. This program allows for presumptive eligibility determined at the provider's care site. Enrollees are required to report any change of circumstances that affect eligibility. This information will be reviewed by the health plan and the enrollee is referred to PCAP if she appears eligible.).

**6.2-DC Dental Coverage** (CHIPRA # 7, SHO # #09-012 issued October 7, 2009) The State will provide dental coverage to children through one of the following. Please update Sections 9.10 and 10.3-DC when electing this option. Dental services provided to children eligible for dental-only supplemental services must receive the same dental services as provided to otherwise eligible CHIP children (Section 2103(a)(5)):

6.2.1-DC  State Specific Dental Benefit Package. The State assesses dental services represented by the following categories of common dental terminology (CDT<sup>1</sup>) codes are included in the dental benefits:

1. Diagnostic (i.e., clinical exams, x-rays) (CDT codes: D0100-D0999) (must follow periodicity schedule)

2. Preventive (i.e., dental prophylaxis, topical fluoride treatments, sealants) (CDT codes: D1000-D1999) (must follow periodicity schedule)
3. Restorative (i.e., fillings, crowns) (CDT codes: D2000-D2999)
4. Endodontic (i.e., root canals) (CDT codes: D3000-D3999)
5. Periodontic (treatment of gum disease) (CDT codes: D4000-D4999)
6. Prosthodontic (dentures) (CDT codes: D5000-D5899, D5900-D5999, and D6200-D6999)
7. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (i.e., extractions of teeth and other oral surgical procedures) (CDT codes: D7000-D7999)
8. Orthodontics (i.e., braces) (CDT codes: D8000-D8999)
9. Emergency Dental Services

**6.2.1.1-DC** Periodicity Schedule. The State has adopted the following periodicity schedule:

- State-developed Medicaid-specific
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Other Nationally recognized periodicity schedule
- Other (description attached)

**6.2.2-DC**  Benchmark coverage; (Section 2103(c)(5), 42 CFR 457.410, and 42 CFR 457.420)

**6.2.2.1-DC**  FEHBP-equivalent coverage; (Section 2103(c)(5)(C)(i)) (If checked, attach copy of the dental supplemental plan benefits description and the applicable CDT<sup>2</sup> codes. If the State chooses to provide supplemental services, also attach a description of the services and applicable CDT codes)

**6.2.2.2-DC**  State employee coverage; (Section 2103(c)(5)(C)(ii)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description and the applicable CDT codes. If the State chooses to provide supplemental services, also attach a description of the services and applicable CDT codes)

**6.2.2.3-DC**  HMO with largest insured commercial enrollment (Section 2103(c)(5)(C)(iii)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description and the applicable CDT codes. If the State chooses to provide supplemental services, also attach a description of the services and applicable CDT codes)

**6.2-DS**  **Supplemental Dental Coverage-** The State will provide dental coverage to children eligible for dental-only supplemental services. Children eligible for this option must receive the same dental services as provided to otherwise eligible CHIP children (Section 2110(b)(5)(C)(ii)). Please update Sections 1.1-DS, 4.1-DS, 4.2-DS, and 9.10 when electing this option.

Guidance: Under Title XXI, pre-existing condition exclusions are not allowed, with the only exception being in relation to another law in existence (HIPAA/ERISA). Indicate that the plan adheres to this requirement by checking the applicable description. In the event that the State provides benefits through a group health plan or group health coverage, or provides family coverage through a group health plan under a waiver (see Section 6.4.2.), pre-existing condition limits are allowed to the extent permitted by HIPAA/ERISA. If the State is contracting with a group health plan or provides benefits through group health coverage, describe briefly any limitations on pre-existing conditions. (Formerly 8.6.)

6.3. The State assures that, with respect to pre-existing medical conditions, one of the following two statements applies to its plan: (42CFR 457.480)

6.3.1.  The State shall not permit the imposition of any pre-existing medical condition exclusion for covered services (Section 2102(b)(1)(B)(ii)); OR

6.3.2.  The State contracts with a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, or contracts with a group health plan to provide family coverage under a waiver (see Section 6.6.2. (formerly 6.4.2) of the template). Pre-existing medical conditions are permitted to the extent allowed by HIPAA/ERISA. (Formerly 8.6.) (Section 2103(f)) Describe:

Guidance: States may request two additional purchase options in Title XXI: cost effective coverage through a community-based health delivery system and for the purchase of family coverage. (Section 2105(c)(2) and (3)) (457.1005 and 457.1010)

6.4. **Additional Purchase Options-** If the State wishes to provide services under the plan through cost effective alternatives or the purchase of family coverage, it must request the appropriate option. To be approved, the State must address the following: (Section 2105(c)(2) and (3)) (42 CFR 457.1005 and 457.1010)

6.4.1.  **Cost Effective Coverage-** Payment may be made to a State in excess of the 10 percent limitation on use of funds for payments for: 1) other child health assistance for targeted low-income children; 2) expenditures for health services initiatives under the plan for improving the health of children (including targeted low-income children and other low-income children); 3) expenditures for outreach activities as provided in Section 2102(c)(1) under the plan; and 4) other reasonable costs incurred by the State to administer the plan, if it demonstrates the following (42CFR 457.1005(a)):

6.4.1.1. Coverage provided to targeted low-income children through such expenditures must meet the coverage requirements above; Describe the coverage provided by the alternative delivery system. The State may cross reference Section 6.2.1 - 6.2.28. (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(i)) (42CFR 457.1005(b))



**6.4.1.2.** The cost of such coverage must not be greater, on an average per child basis, than the cost of coverage that would otherwise be provided for the coverage described above; Describe the cost of such coverage on an average per child basis. (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(ii)) (42CFR 457.1005(b))

Guidance: Check below if the State is requesting to provide cost-effective coverage through a community-based health delivery system. This allows the State to waive the 10 percent limitation on expenditures not used for Medicaid or health insurance assistance if coverage provided to targeted low-income children through such expenditures meets the requirements of Section 2103; the cost of such coverage is not greater, on an average per child basis, than the cost of coverage that would otherwise be provided under Section 2103; and such coverage is provided through the use of a community-based health delivery system, such as through contracts with health centers receiving funds under Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act or with hospitals such as those that receive disproportionate share payment adjustments under Section 1886(c)(5)(F) or 1923.

If the cost-effective alternative waiver is requested, the State must demonstrate that payments in excess of the 10 percent limitation will be used for other child health assistance for targeted low-income children; expenditures for health services initiatives under the plan for improving the health of children (including targeted low-income children and other low-income children); expenditures for outreach activities as provided in Section 2102(c)(1) under the plan; and other reasonable costs incurred by the State to administer the plan. (42CFR, 457.1005(a))

**6.4.1.3.** The coverage must be provided through the use of a community based health delivery system, such as through contracts with health centers receiving funds under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act or with hospitals such as those that receive disproportionate share payment adjustments under Section 1886(c)(5)(F) or 1923 of the Social Security Act. Describe the community-based delivery system. (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(iii)) (42CFR 457.1005(a))

**6.4.2.**  **Purchase of Family Coverage-** Describe the plan to purchase family coverage. Payment may be made to a State for the purpose of family coverage under a group health plan or health insurance coverage that includes coverage of targeted low-income children, if it demonstrates the following: (Section 2105(c)(3)) (42CFR 457.1010)

Guidance: Check 6.4.2 if the State is requesting to purchase family coverage. Any State requesting to purchase such coverage will need to include information that establishes to the Secretary's satisfaction that: 1) when compared to the amount of money that would have been paid to cover only the children

involved with a comparable package, the purchase of family coverage is cost effective; and 2) the purchase of family coverage is not a substitution for coverage already being provided to the child. (Section 2105(c)(3)) (42CFR 457.1010)

- 6.4.2.1. Purchase of family coverage is cost-effective. The State's cost of purchasing family coverage, including administrative expenditures, that includes coverage for the targeted low-income children involved or the family involved (as applicable) under premium assistance programs must not be greater than the cost of obtaining coverage under the State plan for all eligible targeted low-income children or families involved; and (2) The State may base its demonstration of cost effectiveness on an assessment of the cost of coverage, including administrative costs, for children or families under premium assistance programs to the cost of other CHIP coverage for these children or families, done on a case-by-case basis, or on the cost of premium assisted coverage in the aggregate.
- 6.4.2.2. The State assures that the family coverage would not otherwise substitute for health insurance coverage that would be provided to such children but for the purchase of family coverage. (Section 2105(c)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.1010(b))
- 6.4.2.3. The State assures that the coverage for the family otherwise meets title XXI requirements. (42CFR 457.1010(c))

**6.4.3-PA: Additional State Options for Providing Premium Assistance** (CHIPRA # 13, SHO # 10-002 issued February, 2, 2010) A State may elect to offer a premium assistance subsidy for qualified employer-sponsored coverage, as defined in Section 2105(c)(10)(B), to all targeted low-income children who are eligible for child health assistance under the plan and have access to such coverage. No subsidy shall be provided to a targeted low-income child (or the child's parent) unless the child voluntarily elects to receive such a subsidy. (Section 2105(c)(10)(A)). Please remember to update section 9.10 when electing this option. Does the State provide this option to targeted low-income children?

- Yes
- No

**6.4.3.1-PA** Qualified Employer-Sponsored Coverage and Premium Assistance Subsidy

**6.4.3.1.1-PA** Provide an assurance that the qualified employer-sponsored insurance meets the definition of qualified employer-sponsored coverage as defined in Section 2105(c)(10)(B), and that the premium assistance subsidy meets the definition of premium assistance subsidy as defined in 2105(c)(10)(C).

**6.4.3.1.2-PA** Describe whether the State is providing the premium assistance subsidy as reimbursement to an employee or for out-of-pocket expenditures or directly to the employee's employer.

**6.4.3.2-PA:** Supplemental Coverage for Benefits and Cost Sharing Protections Provided Under the Child Health Plan.

**6.4.3.2.1-PA** If the State is providing premium assistance for qualified employer-sponsored coverage, as defined in Section 2105(c)(10)(E)(i), provide an assurance that the State is providing for each targeted low-income child enrolled in such coverage, supplemental coverage consisting of all items or services that are not covered or are only partially covered, under the qualified employer-sponsored coverage consistent with 2103(a) and cost sharing protections consistent with Section 2103(e).

**6.4.3.2.2-PA** Describe whether these benefits are being provided through the employer or by the State providing wraparound benefits.

**6.4.3.2.3-PA** If the State is providing premium assistance for benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage, the State ensures that such group health plans or health insurance coverage offered through an employer will be certified by an actuary as coverage that is equivalent to a benchmark benefit package described in Section 2103(b) or benchmark equivalent coverage that meets the requirements of Section 2103(a)(2).

**6.4.3.3-PA:** Application of Waiting Period Imposed Under State Plan: States are required to apply the same waiting period to premium assistance as is applied to direct coverage for children under their CHIP State plan, as specified in Section 2105(c)(10)(F).

**6.4.3.3.1-PA** Provide an assurance that the waiting period for children in premium assistance is the same as for those children in direct coverage (if State has a waiting period in place for children in direct CHIP coverage).

**6.4.3.4-PA:** Opt-Out and Outreach, Education, and Enrollment Assistance

**6.4.3.4.1-PA** Describe the State's process for ensuring parents are permitted to disenroll their child from qualified employer-sponsored coverage and to enroll in CHIP effective on the first day of any month for which the child is eligible for such assistance and in a manner that ensures continuity of coverage for the child (Section 2105(c)(10)(G)).

**6.4.3.4.2-PA** Describe the State's outreach, education, and enrollment efforts related to premium assistance programs, as required under Section 2102(c)(3).

How does the State inform families of the availability of premium assistance, and assist them in obtaining such subsidies? What are the specific significant resources the State intends to apply to educate employers about the availability of premium assistance subsidies under the State child health plan? (Section 2102(c))

**6.4.3.5-PA Purchasing Pool-** A State may establish an employer-family premium assistance purchasing pool and may provide a premium assistance subsidy for enrollment in coverage made available through this pool (Section 2105(c)(10)(I)). Does the State provide this option?

Yes  
 No

**6.6.3.5.1-PA** Describe the plan to establish an employer-family premium assistance purchasing pool.

**6.6.3.5.2-PA** Provide an assurance that employers who are eligible to participate: 1) have less than 250 employees; 2) have at least one employee who is a pregnant woman eligible for CHIP or a member of a family that has at least one child eligible under the State's CHIP plan.

**6.6.3.5.3-PA** Provide an assurance that the State will not claim for any administrative expenditures attributable to the establishment or operation of such a pool except to the extent such payment would otherwise be permitted under this title.

**6.4.3.6-PA Notice of Availability of Premium Assistance-** Describe the procedures that assure that if a State provides premium assistance subsidies under this Section, it must: 1) provide as part of the application and enrollment process, information describing the availability of premium assistance and how to elect to obtain a subsidy; and 2) establish other procedures to ensure that parents are fully informed of the choices for child health assistance or through the receipt of premium assistance subsidies (Section 2105(c)(10)(K)).

**6.4.3.6.1-PA** Provide an assurance that the State includes information about premium assistance on the CHIP application or enrollment form.

## CHIP Budget

STATE: New York	FFY Budget 2015-16 Actuals	FFY Budget 2016-17 Projected	FFY Budget 2017-18 Projected
State's enhanced FMAP rate	88%	88%	88%
<b>Benefit Costs</b>			
Insurance payments	\$729,108,770	\$758,273,120	\$781,021,314
Managed care per member/per month rate	\$504,883,426	\$525,078,763	\$540,831,126
Fee for Service			
<b>Total Benefit Costs</b>	<b>\$1,233,992,196</b>	<b>\$1,283,351,883</b>	<b>\$1,321,852,440</b>
(Offsetting beneficiary cost sharing payments)	(\$56,800,000)	(\$56,800,000)	(\$56,800,000)
<b>Net Benefit Costs</b>	<b>\$1,177,192,196</b>	<b>\$1,226,551,883</b>	<b>\$1,265,052,440</b>
<b>Cost of Proposed SPA Changes – Benefit</b>			
<b>Administration Costs</b>			
General administration	\$19,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Contractors/Brokers			
Claims Processing			
Outreach/marketing costs		\$100,000	\$100,000
Health Services Initiatives		\$1,250,000	\$14,400,000
Other			
<b>Total Administration Costs</b>	<b>\$19,000,000</b>	<b>\$26,350,000</b>	<b>\$39,400,000</b>
Federal Share	\$1,052,649,132	\$1,102,553,657	\$1,148,006,147
State Share	\$143,543,064	\$150,348,226	\$156,446,293
<b>Total Costs of Approved CHIP Plan</b>	<b>\$1,196,192,196</b>	<b>\$1,252,901,883</b>	<b>\$1,304,452,440</b>

### Note:

The Health Services Initiative line includes projections for the Sickle Cell and Poison Control programs which were approved in SPA NY-16-022-C-A. It also includes projections for Lead, HPNAP and Opioid programs which are being submitted in this SPA.