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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

June 14, 2023

Valerie Arkoosh
Acting Secretary of Human Services
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment PA-23-0001-A

Dear Valerie Arkoosh,

On March 21, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) PA-23-0001-A, in which the state proposed to adopt the changes to the eligibility rules for the Former Foster Care Children eligibility group, as enacted by the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act, Pub. L. No. 115-217, section 1002.

We approve Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) PA-23-0001-A with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Dan Belnap at Dan.Belnap@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,
James G. Scott
Director, Division of Program Operations
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives The purpose of this SPA is to implement the changes to the Former Foster Care Children eligibility group as required by section 1002(a) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act, which modified section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of the Social Security Act.

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- Yes
 No

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Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2022	\$0
Second	2023	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Social Security Act 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)

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Authorized Submitter's Signature Kathleen Gasiewski

I hereby certify that I am authorized to submit this package on behalf of the Medicaid Agency.

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Income/Resource Methodologies

Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

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A. Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Who Are Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

Eligibility determinations of individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability are based on one of the following:

1. SSA Eligibility Determination State (1634 State)

The state has an agreement under section 1634 of the Social Security Act for the Social Security Administration to determine Medicaid eligibility of SSI beneficiaries. For all other individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, the state requires a separate Medicaid application and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

2. State Eligibility Determination (SSI Criteria State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

3. State Eligibility Determination (209(b) State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility using income and resource methodologies more restrictive than SSI.

B. Additional information (optional)

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Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Infants and Children under Age 19		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
SSI Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualifying Individuals		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW

B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

Yes No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Adult Group		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED

C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

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

- N/A

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Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Former Foster Care Children

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Individuals under the age of 26, who were in foster care and on Medicaid when they turned age 18 or aged out of foster care.

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The state covers the mandatory former foster care children group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

- Are under age 26
- Were in foster care upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21).
- Are described under either Section B. or C.

B. Individuals Covered

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For individuals who turn 18 before January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - In foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - Enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to B.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of the state or a Tribe within the state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- a. They were enrolled in Medicaid under the state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

- b. They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project when they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
- c. They were placed by the state or Tribe in another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under the other state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration project at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.

C. Individuals Covered

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For individuals who turn 18 on or after January 1, 2023:

1. The state covers individuals who:

- a. Upon attaining age 18 or a higher age at which the state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act (up to age 21) were:
 - i. In foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to the state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program); and
 - ii. Enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration; and
- b. Are not enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

2. In addition to C.1., the state elects to cover individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of any state or a Tribe within any state (including children who were cared for through a grant to a state under the unaccompanied refugee minor program) when they turned 18 or a higher age at which that state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends under title IV-E of the Act, and meet the following criteria:

- a. They were enrolled in Medicaid under a state's Medicaid state plan or 1115 demonstration at any time during the foster care period in which they turned 18 or a higher age at which a state's or Tribe's foster care assistance ends.
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D. Additional Information (optional)

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