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Dear Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) SD-23-0020, submitted on December 29, 2023, has been approved. Through this SPA, South Dakota has demonstrated compliance with both the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Section 11405(b)(1) and the longstanding requirement in regulations at 42 CFR § 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) to cover age-appropriate vaccines. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Section 11405(b)(1) of the IRA requires states with separate CHIPs that include coverage for adults to provide coverage and payment for approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and their administration, without cost sharing. Current regulations at 42 CFR § 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4) require states to cover age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP without cost sharing. The state provided the necessary assurances to demonstrate compliance with both requirements.

Your Project Officer is Joyce Jordan. She is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah deLone", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sarah deLone
Director

South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

SPA# SD-16-0006: This state plan amendment provides proposed program specifics to the state's CHIP state plan for unborn children from conception to birth.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

SPA# SD-16-0007: This state plan amendment updates the state's exemptions from its waiting period to include coverage for unborn children.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

SPA# SD-17-0009: This state plan amendment clarifies that the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requirements are satisfied through the EPSDT benefit.

Effective Date: October 1, 2017

SPA# SD-20-0004: This state plan amendment provides assurances that the state is in compliance with section 5022 of the SUPPORT Act, which made behavioral health services a required benefit for CHIP.

Effective Date: October 24, 2019

SPA# SD-22-0003: The purpose of this SPA is to demonstrate compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act provisions that require states to cover treatment (including treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment), testing, and vaccinations for COVID-19 without cost sharing in CHIP.

Effective Date: March 11, 2021

SPA# SD-23-0020: The State is assuring that it covers age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing.

Effective: October 1, 2023.

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SPA# SD-22-0003: The State conducted Tribal Consultation beginning with notification on July 18, 2022. Notification was sent via email to the Tribal Consultation Listserv with a 30-day comment period.

Effective Date: March 11, 2021

SPA# SD-23-0020: The State conducted Tribal Consultation beginning with notification on November 6, 2023. Notification was sent via email to the Tribal Consultation Listserv with a 30-day comment period.

Effective Date: October 1, 2023.

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)

6.4.2.1. Purchase of family coverage is cost-effective relative to the amounts that the state would have paid to obtain comparable coverage only of the targeted low-income children involved; and **(Describe the associated costs for purchasing the family coverage relative to the coverage for the low income children.)** (Section 2105(c)(3)(A)) (42CFR 457.1010(a))

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))

6.5 Vaccine coverages

6.5.1 – Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income children.

The State provides coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), without cost sharing. (Section 2103(c)(1)(D)) (42CFR 457.410(b)(2) and 457.520(b)(4)).

6.5.2 - Vaccine coverage for targeted-low-income pregnant individuals.

The State provides coverage for approved adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP, and their administration, without cost sharing. (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023); (Section 2103(c)(12))

6.5.3 – Vaccine coverage for from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population option.

The State provides coverage for age appropriate (child or adult) vaccines and their administration in accordance with the recommendations of the ACIP, without cost-sharing, to benefit the unborn child.