

Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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February 20, 2024

Cheryl Roberts  
Director  
Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300  
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Dear Cheryl Roberts:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number VA-23-0027, submitted on December 28, 2023, has been approved. Through this SPA, Virginia 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.

In addition, under the state's Virginia Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) MOMS and FAMIS *Select* section 1115 demonstration, the state covers targeted low-income pregnant individuals. The state provides coverage for approved adult vaccines recommended by the ACIP, and their administration, without cost sharing, for individuals enrolled in coverage through the FAMIS MOMS and FAMIS *Select* section 1115 demonstration. Because vaccine coverage is through the demonstration, the state was not required to check the box indicating coverage for targeted low-income pregnant individuals in section 6.5 of the state's CHIP state plan.

Your Project Officer is Ticia Jones. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Sarah deLone  
Director