



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Armenia:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number NY-22-0032-CHIP, submitted on March 31, 2022, has been approved. Through this SPA, New York has demonstrated compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). This SPA has an effective date of March 11, 2021 and extends through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 emergency period, as described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act.

Section 9821 of the ARP amended sections 2103(c)(11)(B) and 2103(e)(2) of the Act to mandate coverage of COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines and their administration without cost-sharing or amount, duration, or scope limitations. Sections 2103(c)(11)(B) and 2103(e)(2) of the Act also require states to cover, without cost sharing, the treatment of conditions that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment, during the period when a beneficiary is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID-19. The state provided the necessary assurances to demonstrate compliance with the ARP in accordance with the requirements of sections 2103(c)(11)(B) and 2103(e)(2) of the Act.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. 457.65 that the state submit SPAs that are related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the end of the state fiscal year in which they take effect. CMS is allowing states that submit SPAs after the last day of the state fiscal year to have an effective date in the prior state fiscal year, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency. New York requested a waiver to obtain an earlier effective date of March 11, 2021.

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, CMS is also allowing states to modify the timeframes associated with tribal consultation required under section 2107(e)(1)(f) of the Act, including shortening the number of days before submission or conducting consultation after submission of the SPA. New York requested a waiver to modify the tribal consultation policy by completing tribal consultation in the fiscal year after the effective date of the SPA.

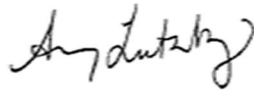
This letter approves New York's request for a March 11, 2021 effective date and provides the state with the authority to modify the tribal consultation policy.

Your title XXI project officer is Shakia Singleton. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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

Sincerely,



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