

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  
(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/ Gabrielle Armenia March 29, 2024 (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:	Position/Title:
Gabrielle Armenia	CHIP Director Director, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration Office of Health Insurance Programs

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**Introduction:** Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), public law 1005-33 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, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, further modified the program. The HEALTHY KIDS Act and The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 together resulted in an extension of funding for CHIP through federal fiscal year 2027.

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:

- 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.
- 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)
- Moved sections 2.2 and 2.3 into section 5 to eliminate redundancies between sections 2 and 5.
- Removed crowd-out language that had been added by the August 17 letter that later was repealed.
- Added new provisions related to delivery methods, including managed care, to section 3 (81 FR 27498, issued May 6, 2016)
- Added new assurances related to the coverage of vaccines (Sections 2103(c)(1)(D) and (c)(12)); (Section 11405(b)(1) of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)); (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023)

States are not required to resubmit existing State plans using this current updated template. However, States must use this updated template when submitting a new 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 the State to specify its proposed method of delivery. If the State proposes to use managed care, the State must describe and attest to certain requirements of a managed care delivery system, including contracting standards; enrollee enrollment processes; enrollee notification and grievance processes; and plans for enrolling providers, among others. (Section 2103); (42 CFR Part 457. Subpart L)
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)); (42 CFR 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:

- **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.
- **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)

- **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 XIX.

Where the state’s assurance is requested in this document for compliance with a particular requirement of 42 CFR 457 et seq., the state shall place a check mark to affirm that it will be in compliance no later than the applicable compliance date.

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 (Section s 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 Section s 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).

- 1.1.** 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:

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: January 1, 1999  
Implementation date: January 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 Plan)  
April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of Medicaid  
Expansion Program)  
Implementation date: April 1, 2004 (Updates to State Plan)  
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 date: March 18, 2009  
Effective date: 10 September 1, 2008  
Implementation date: September 1, 2008

SPA # 13	
Submission date:	June 30, 2009
Effective date:	April 1, 2009
Implementation date:	April 1, 2009
SPA # 14	
Submission date:	July 6, 2009
Effective date:	July 1, 2009
Implementation date:	July 1, 2009
SPA # 15	
Submission date:	March 29, 2010
Effective date:	April 1, 2009
Implementation date:	April 1, 2009
SPA # 16	
Submission date:	March 21, 2011
Effective date:	April 1, 2010
Implementation date:	April 1, 2010
SPA # 17	
Submission date:	May 20, 2011
Effective date (Enrollment Center):	June 13, 2011
Effective date (Medical Homes Initiative):	October 1, 2011
Implementation date:	June 13, 2011
SPA # 18	
Submission date:	September 20, 2011
Effective date:	August 25, 2011
Implementation date:	August 25, 2011
SPA # 19	
Submission date:	March 22, 2012
Effective date (Medicaid Expansion):	November 11, 2011
Implementation date:	November 11, 2011
SPA # 20	
Submission date:	March 31, 2014
Effective date (autism benefit):	April 1, 2013
Effective date (other ACA changes)	January 1, 2014
Implementation date:	April 1, 2013 and January 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-17-0023 – C - A	
Submission date:	March 31, 2017
Effective date (HSI Opioid Drug Addiction and Opioid Overdose Prevention Program for Schools, Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) Effective date (Coverage for Newborns):	April 1, 2016
Implementation date:	January 1, 2017 April 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017
SPA #NY – 19-0024	
Submission date:	March 27, 2019
Effective date (Transition of Children to NY State of Health): Effective Date (Allowing Children to Recertify on the Last Day of the Month of their Enrollment Period):	
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2018
SPA # NY -19-0025	
Submission date:	March 28, 2019
Removal of the 90 day Waiting Period.	
Effective Date:	April 1, 2018
Implementation Date:	April 1, 2018

SPA #NY- 20-0026– *Pending*  
Submission Date: March 18, 2020  
Effective Date Mental Health  
Parity Compliance: April 1, 2019  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0027– *Pending*  
Submission Date: March 31, 2020  
Effective Date: Compliance with  
Managed Care Regulations April 1, 2019  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0028  
Submission Date: March 31, 2020  
Effective Date: Disaster Relief  
Provisions March 1, 2020  
Implementation Date: March 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 20-0029  
Submission Date: June 25, 2020  
Effective Date: (HSI Early  
Intervention Program)  
Provisions April 1, 2020  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 21-0030 – *Pending*  
Submission Date: March 31, 2021  
Effective Date: Support Act  
Provisions April 1, 2020  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 21-0031-CHIP  
Submission Date: March 31, 2022  
Effective Date: Ends Manual  
Process to Remove Children from  
the Child Health Plus Waiting  
period and replaces  
CS 20 attachment: July 15, 2021  
Implementation Date: July 15, 2021

SPA #NY- 21-0032-CHIP  
Submission Date: March 31, 2022  
Effective Date: Compliance with  
the American Rescue Plan Act  
of 2021: March 11, 2021  
Implementation Date: March 11, 2021

SPA #NY-22-0033-CHIP  
Submission Date: September 15, 2022  
Effective Date: Elimination  
of the \$9 Family Premium  
Contribution: October 1, 2022  
Implementation Date: October 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0034-CHIP  
Submission Date: March 7, 2023  
Effective Date: From conception  
to the end of pregnancy (FCEP)  
Coverage: April 1, 2022  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0034A-CHIP  
Submission Date: March 7, 2023  
Effective Date  
From conception  
to the end of pregnancy (FCEP)  
Option (MMDL CS9): April 1, 2022  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0035-CHIP - **Pending**  
Submission Date: March 21, 2023  
Effective Date: Expansion of  
Child Health Plus Covered  
Health Services in  
Accordance with Public Health  
Law §2510(7): January 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: January 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0036-CHIP

Submission Date: February 23, 2023  
Effective Date: 2-Month  
Postpartum Continuous  
Eligibility in CHIP March 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: March 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0037-CHIP – *Pending*

Submission Date: March 26, 2024  
Benefit Expansion:  
Residential Rehabilitation  
for Youth  
Effective Date: April 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0038-CHIP – *Pending*

Submission Date: March 29, 2024  
End of Year Compliance  
SPA  
Effective Date: April 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0039-CHIP

Submission Date: Demonstrate March 29, 2024  
Effective Date: Compliance With  
Both the Inflation Reduction  
Act (IRA) and Coverage of  
Age-Appropriate Vaccines and  
Their Administration, Without  
Cost Sharing October 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: October 1, 2023

**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.

A letter was mailed to all federally recognized tribes in New York State on March 14, 2024, notifying them of the proposed State Plan Amendment. A link was provided in the letter for purposes of allowing the tribes to view the proposed State Plan Amendment. The tribes were given two weeks to provide comments/feedback on the proposed State Plan Amendment. No feedback was received within the prescribed timeframe.

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 age-appropriate vaccines in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

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.

**6.5-Vaccine coverages**

Guidance: States are required to provide coverage for age-appropriate vaccines and their administration, without cost sharing. States that elect to cover children under the State plan (indicated in Section 4.1) should check box 6.5.1 States that elect to cover pregnant individuals under the State plan should also check box 6.5.2. States that elect to cover the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy population (previously referred to as the “unborn”) option under the State plan should also check box 6.5.3.

**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.