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James Scott, Director  
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Dear Mr. Scott,

Enclosed is an amendment to the Rhode Island CHIP State Plan, Transmittal Number 20-002. The amendment relates to eligibility renewal during the period of the declaration of emergency due to the novel coronavirus. Public notice and tribal consultation were waived due to the emergency and temporary nature of the amendment.

This amendment has not been reviewed specifically with the Governor's Office. Under the Rhode Island Medicaid State Plan, the Governor has elected not to review the details of state plan materials. However, in accordance with Rhode Island law and practice, the Governor is kept apprised of major changes in the state plan.

Sincerely,

Womazetta Jones  
Secretary, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services



STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Rhode Island

program, applicants cannot be enrolled under a group health plan or health insurance coverage (including access to a State health benefits plan).

4.1.8.  Duration of eligibility: Same as Medicaid. The processing of annual Medicaid eligibility renewals and actions on changes in circumstances affecting eligibility will be postponed for sixty (60) days or until the termination of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declaration of emergency, whichever is longer. If an individual submits information to EOHHS that was requested sixty (60) days prior to the start of the COVID-19 emergency declaration in order to renew their eligibility, the processing of such information will be postponed for sixty (60) days or until the termination of the novel COVID-19 declaration of emergency, whichever is longer.

4.1.9.  Other standards (identify and describe): A Social Security Number (SSN) is Required for Medicaid-eligible individuals. This does not apply to the separate child health program. At redetermination, proof of current immigration status will be required just as it is required for the initial eligibility determination.

4.1.10  **Check if the State is electing the option under section 214 of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) to provide coverage to the following otherwise eligible individuals lawfully residing in the United States:**

- (1) “Qualified aliens” otherwise subject to the 5-year waiting period per section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996;
- (2) Citizens of a Compact of Free Association State (i.e., Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau) who have been admitted to the United States (U.S.) as non-immigrants and are permitted by the Department of Homeland Security to reside permanently or indefinitely in the U.S.;
- (3) Individuals described in 8 CFR 103.12(a)(4) who do not have a permanent residence in the country of their nationality and are in statuses that permit them to remain in the U.S. for an indefinite period of time pending adjustment of status. These individuals include:
  - (a) Individuals currently in temporary resident status as Amnesty beneficiaries pursuant to section 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);
  - (b) Individuals currently under Temporary Protected Status pursuant to section 244 of the INA;
  - (c) Family Unity beneficiaries pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 101-649 as amended, as well as pursuant to section 1504 of Pub. L. 106-554;
  - (d) Individuals currently under Deferred Enforced Departure pursuant to a decision made by the

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