

*State health benefits plan* has the meaning assigned in § 457.301.

*State plan* means the title XXI State child health plan.

*Targeted low-income child* has the meaning assigned in § 457.310.

*Uncovered or uninsured child* means a child who does not have creditable health coverage.

*Well-baby and well-child care services* means regular or preventive diagnostic and treatment services necessary to ensure the health of babies, children and adolescents as defined by the State. For purposes of cost sharing, the term has the meaning assigned at § 457.520.

**§ 457.30 Basis, scope, and applicability of subpart A.**

(a) *Statutory basis.* This subpart implements the following sections of the Act:

(1) Section 2101(b), which requires that the State submit a State plan.

(2) Section 2102(a), which sets forth requirements regarding the contents of the State plan.

(3) Section 2102(b), which relates to eligibility standards and methodologies.

(4) Section 2102(c), which requires that the State plan include a description of the procedures to be used by the State to accomplish outreach and coordination with other health insurance programs.

(5) Section 2106, which specifies the process for submission, approval, and amendment of State plans.

(6) Section 2107(c), which requires that the State plan include a description of the process used to involve the public in the design and implementation of the plan.

(7) Section 2107(d), which requires that the State plan include a description of the budget for the plan.

(8) Section 2107(e), which provides that certain provisions of title XIX and title XI of the Act apply under title XXI in the same manner that they apply under title XIX.

(b) *Scope.* This subpart sets forth provisions governing the administration of SCHIP, the general requirements for a State plan, and a description of the process for review of a State plan or plan amendment.

(c) *Applicability.* This subpart applies to all States that request Federal financial participation to provide child health assistance under title XXI.

**§ 457.40 State program administration.**

(a) *Program operation.* The State must implement its program in accordance with the approved State plan, any approved State plan amendments, the requirements of title XXI and title XIX (as appropriate), and the requirements in this chapter. CMS monitors the operation of the approved State plan and plan amendments to ensure compliance with the requirements of title XXI, title XIX (as appropriate) and this chapter.

(b) *State authority to submit State plan.* A State plan or plan amendment must be signed by the State Governor, or signed by an individual who has been delegated authority by the Governor to submit it.

(c) *State program officials.* The State must identify in the State plan or State plan amendment, by position or title, the State officials who are responsible for program administration and financial oversight.

(d) *State legislative authority.* The State plan must include an assurance that the State will not claim expenditures for child health assistance prior to the time that the State has legislative authority to operate the State plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS.

**§ 457.50 State plan.**

The State plan is a comprehensive written statement, submitted by the State to CMS for approval, that describes the purpose, nature, and scope of the State's SCHIP and gives an assurance that the program is administered in conformity with the specific requirements of title XXI, title XIX (as appropriate), and the regulations in this chapter. The State plan contains all information necessary for CMS to determine whether the plan can be approved to serve as a basis for Federal financial participation (FFP) in the State program.

**§ 457.60 Amendments.**

A State may seek to amend its approved State plan in whole or in part