

no earlier than the date of submission of the amendment.

(f) *Continued approval.* An approved State plan continues in effect unless—

(1) The State adopts a new plan by obtaining approval under § 457.60 of an amendment to the State plan;

(2) Withdraws its plan in accordance with § 457.170(b); or

(3) The Secretary finds substantial noncompliance of the plan with the requirements of the statute or regulations.

#### § 457.70 Program options.

(a) *Health benefits coverage options.* A State may elect to obtain health benefits coverage under its plan through—

- (1) A separate child health program;
- (2) A Medicaid expansion program; or
- (3) A combination program.

(b) *State plan requirement.* A State must include in the State plan or plan amendment a description of the State's chosen program option.

(c) *Medicaid expansion program requirements.* A State plan under title XXI for a State that elects to obtain health benefits coverage through its Medicaid plan must—

(1) Meet the requirements of—

- (i) Subpart A;
- (ii) Subpart B (to the extent that the State claims administrative costs under title XXI);
- (iii) Subpart F (with respect to determination of the allotment for purposes of the enhanced matching rate, determination of the enhanced matching rate, and payment of any claims for administrative costs under title XXI only);
- (iv) Subpart G; and
- (v) Subpart J (if the State claims administrative costs under title XXI and seeks a waiver of limitations on such claims based on a community based health delivery system).

(2) Be consistent with the State's Medicaid State plan, or an approvable amendment to that plan, as required under title XIX.

(d) *Separate child health program requirements.* A State that elects to obtain health benefits coverage under its plan through a separate child health program must meet all the requirements of part 457.

(e) *Combination program requirements.*

A State that elects to obtain health benefits coverage through both a separate child health program and a Medicaid expansion program must meet the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.

#### § 457.80 Current State child health insurance coverage and coordination.

A State plan must include a description of—

(a) The extent to which, and manner in which, children in the State, including targeted low-income children and other classes of children, by income level and other relevant factors, currently have creditable health coverage (as defined in § 457.10) and, if sufficient information is available, whether the creditable health coverage they have is under public health insurance programs or health insurance programs that involve public-private partnerships;

(b) Current State efforts to provide or obtain creditable health coverage for uncovered children, including the steps the State is taking to identify and enroll all uncovered children who are eligible to participate in public health insurance programs and health insurance programs that involve public-private partnerships; and

(c) Procedures the State uses to accomplish coordination of SCHIP with other public and private health insurance programs, sources of health benefits coverage for children, and relevant child health programs, such as title V, that provide health care services for low-income children. Such procedures include those designed to—

(1) Increase the number of children with creditable health coverage;

(2) Assist in the enrollment in SCHIP of children determined ineligible for Medicaid; and

(3) Ensure that only eligible targeted low-income children are covered under SCHIP, such as those procedures required under §§ 457.350 and 457.353, as applicable.

#### § 457.90 Outreach.

(a) *Procedures required.* A State plan must include a description of procedures used to inform families of children likely to be eligible for child

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health assistance under the plan or under other public or private health coverage programs of the availability of the programs, and to assist them in enrolling their children in one of the programs.

(b) *Examples.* Outreach strategies may include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Education and awareness campaigns, including targeted mailings and information distribution through various organizations.

(2) Enrollment simplification, such as simplified or joint application forms.

(3) Application assistance, including opportunities to apply for child health assistance under the plan through community-based organizations and in combination with other benefits and services available to children.

## § 457.110 Enrollment assistance and information requirements.

(a) *Information disclosure.* The State must make accurate, easily understood, linguistically appropriate information available to families of potential applicants, applicants and enrollees, and provide assistance to these families in making informed decisions about their health plans, professionals, and facilities.

(b) *Required information.* The State must make available to potential applicants and provide applicants and enrollees the following information in a timely manner:

(1) Types of benefits, and amount, duration and scope of benefits available under the program.

(2) Cost-sharing requirements as described in § 457.525.

(3) Names and locations of current participating providers.

(4) If an enrollment cap is in effect or the State is using a waiting list, a description of the procedures relating to the cap or waiting list, including the process for deciding which children will be given priority for enrollment, how children will be informed of their status on a waiting list and the circumstances under which enrollment will reopen.

(5) Information on physician incentive plans as required by § 457.985.

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(6) Review processes available to applicants and enrollees as described in the State plan pursuant to § 457.1120.

## § 457.120 Public involvement in program development.

A State plan must include a description of the method the State uses to—

(a) Involve the public in both the design and initial implementation of the program;

(b) Ensure ongoing public involvement once the State plan has been implemented; and

(c) Ensure interaction with Indian Tribes and organizations in the State on the development and implementation of the procedures required at § 457.125.

## § 457.125 Provision of child health assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native children.

(a) *Enrollment.* A State must include in its State plan a description of procedures used to ensure the provision of child health assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native children.

(b) *Exemption from cost sharing.* The procedures required by paragraph (a) of this section must include an exemption from cost sharing for American Indian and Alaska Native children in accordance with § 457.535.

## § 457.130 Civil rights assurance.

The State plan must include an assurance that the State will comply 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.

## § 457.135 Assurance of compliance with other provisions.

The State plan must include an assurance that the State will comply, under title XXI, with the following provisions of titles XIX and XI of the Social Security Act:

(a) Section 1902(a)(4)(C) (relating to conflict of interest standards).

(b) Paragraphs (2), (16) and (17) of section 1903(i) (relating to limitations on payment).