



CHIP Eligibility

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Substitution of Coverage CS20

Section 2102(b)(3)(C) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.340(d)(3), 457.350(i), and 457.805

Substitution of Coverage

- The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has methods and policies in place to prevent the substitution of group health coverage or other commercial health insurance with public funded coverage. These policies include:

- Substitution of coverage prevention strategy:

	Name of policy	Description	
+	Waiting period	A one-month waiting period shall be imposed for a child who is subject to a monthly premium.	X

A waiting period during which an individual is ineligible due to having dropped group health coverage.

How long is the waiting period?

- One month
 Two months
 90 days
 Other

- The state allows exemptions from the waiting period for the following reasons:

- The premium paid by the family for coverage of the child under the group health plan exceeded 5 percent of household income.
- The child's parent is determined eligible for advance payment of the premium tax credit for enrollment in a QHP through the Marketplace because the ESI in which the family was enrolled is determined unaffordable in accordance with 26 CFR 1.36B-2(c)(3)(v).
- The cost of family coverage that includes the child exceeded 9.5 percent of the household income.
- The employer stopped offering coverage of dependents (or any coverage) under an employer-sponsored health insurance plan.
- A change in employment, including involuntary separation, resulted in the child's loss of employer-sponsored insurance (other than through full payment of the premium by the parent under COBRA).
- The child has special health care needs.
- The child lost coverage due to the death or divorce of a parent.

Does the state allow other exemptions in addition to those listed above?



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	Describe	
+	Health insurance was provided through an individual plan.	X
+	The child's health insurance coverage was lost due to domestic violence.	X
+	The child's health insurance coverage was lost due to an involuntary loss of employment that qualified the parent for dependent coverage, including, but not limited to layoff, business closure, reduction in hours, or termination.	X
+	The child's health insurance coverage was lost due to utilization of the maximum lifetime coverage amount.	X
+	The child's health insurance coverage was lost due to expiration of coverage under COBRA.	X
+	The child's health insurance coverage was lost due to a reason beyond the control of the parent, such as a serious illness of the parent, fire, flood, or natural disaster.	X
+	The child is moving from Medicaid to CHIP.	X

- Describe the processes the state employs to facilitate enrollment of CHIP-eligible children who have satisfied the waiting period.

Subsequent to state determining that a child is not subject to any of the exceptions to the waiting period, a family is sent a Notice of Action informing that their child is eligible for CHIP coverage effective one month from the date of application. The child is immediately enrolled in coverage one month from the date of application, and no additional action is required by the family.

- Describe the processes the state employs to coordinate coverage of children subject to a waiting period with other insurance affordability programs, including safeguards to prevent gaps in coverage for children transitioning from another insurance affordability program to CHIP after satisfying the waiting period.

Applications received by the state and subject to the one month waiting period are sent to the FFM via an electronic transfer to be evaluated for other Insurance Affordability Programs. The notice to the family indicates that the application is being evaluated for other programs as well as the first eligible date of coverage under the hawk-i program. The child is automatically enrolled in hawk-i once the waiting period ends without any further action required from the client.

The state provides assurance that:

- It does not require a new application or the submission of information already provided by the family immediately preceding the waiting period for the purpose of enrolling CHIP-eligible children who have satisfied a waiting period.
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- For children subject to the waiting period, it will promptly transfer each individual's electronic account to the applicable insurance affordability program and notify such program of the date on which the waiting period ends for each individual.
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- If the state covers pregnant women, the waiting period does not apply to pregnant women.

If the state elects to offer dental only supplemental coverage, the following assurances apply:

- The other coverage exclusion does not apply to children who are otherwise eligible for dental only supplemental coverage as provided in section 2110(b)(5) of the SSA.



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The waiting period does not apply to children eligible for dental only supplemental coverage.

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