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Dear Ms. Coury:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendments (SPAs) AZ-16-0016 and AZ-16-0017.

Arizona's SPA AZ-16-0016, submitted on May 23, 2016 and effective on July 26, 2016, lifts the state's existing enrollment freeze enabling children ages birth through age 19 with income above 133 percent up to and including 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to enroll in the state's CHIP, known as "KidsCare." The state's enrollment into its separate CHIP was initially frozen on January 1, 2010. While enrollment was temporarily opened as part of a section 1115 demonstration, KidsCare II, from May 2012 to January 2014, KidsCare II was sunset on January 31, 2014. With this SPA, we support the state's efforts to ensure that low income uninsured children have access to affordable coverage and the protections that exist under CHIP.

CMS is also approving SPA AZ-16-0017, which was submitted on May 27, 2016 and has an effective date of July 26, 2016. This SPA reduces the state's existing premium lock-out period from 90 to 60 days. Consistent with 42 CFR 457.570, states may identify a state-specified period of time (referred to as a premium lock-out period) that a CHIP eligible child who has an unpaid premium may not reenroll in coverage in CHIP.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Tonia Brown. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Brown's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Brown and to Ms. Kristin Dillon, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Dillon's address is:

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90 7th Street, Suite 5-300 (W)  
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If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Manning Pellanda, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-5143. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Marie Costello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" being the most prominent.

Anne Marie Costello  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Kristin Dillon, ARA, CMS Region IX, San Francisco



# CHIP Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: AZ - 16 - 0017

Expiration date: 10/31/2014

## Separate Child Health Insurance Program Non-Financial Eligibility - Non-Payment of Premiums

CS21

42 CFR 457.570

### Non-Payment of Premiums

Does the state impose premiums or enrollment fees?

Can non-payment of premiums or enrollment fees result in loss of CHIP eligibility?

Does the state have a premium lock out period?

Please describe the lock-out period:

What is the length of the time premium lock-out period?

Select a length of time:

- One month  
 Two months  
 90 days  
 Other (not to exceed 90 days)

Are there exceptions to the required lock-out period?

The state assures that:

It does not require the collection of past due premiums or enrollment fees as a condition of eligibility for enrollment once the lock-out period has expired; and

It provides enrollees with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program in accordance with section 457.1130(a)(3); and

The child will be reenrolled in CHIP during the lock-out period upon payment of past due premiums or enrollment fees.

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