

CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Department for Medicaid Services

Division of Policy and Operations

(Amendment)

907 KAR 4:030. Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program Phase III Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

RELATES TO: KRS 205.6481 – 205.6497, 211.461 – 211.466, 281.010(25), 304.5-040, 304.17A-005(8), (14), 42 C.F.R. 435.403, 440.230, Part 457, 42 U.S.C. 1396, 1397aa

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.030(2), 194A.050(1), 205.520(3), 205.6481-205.6497, 42 U.S.C. 1397aa

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 205.6485 authorizes the cabinet, by administrative regulations, to establish the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) to provide health care coverage and other coordinated health care services to participant children of the Commonwealth who are uninsured and otherwise not eligible for health insurance coverage. This administrative regulation establishes the KCHIP Phase III eligibility criteria, quality assurance and utilization review, covered services, the approval process, grievance and appeal rights, and the requirements for delivery of health services for providers who wish to participate with the Commonwealth to provide health care coverage for KCHIP Phase III members through the provision of a separate health insurance program under Title XXI.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designee.
- (2) ~~["Child" means an individual under the age of nineteen (19) years.]~~
- ~~{(3)}~~ "Creditable coverage" is defined by KRS 304.17A-005(8)(a)1-3 and 5-10.
- ~~(3)~~ ~~{(4)}~~ "Department" means the Department for Medicaid Services or its designee.
- ~~(4)~~ ~~{(5)}~~ "Excepted benefits" is defined by KRS 304.17A-005(14).
- ~~(5)~~ ~~{(6)}~~ "Health insurance" is defined by KRS 304.5-040.
- ~~(6)~~ ~~{(7)}~~ "KCHIP" means the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1397aa through 42 U.S.C. 1397jj.

Section 2. Eligibility Criteria.

- (1) An individual shall be eligible for KCHIP Phase III if the individual is a pregnant person who:
 - (a) Is a resident of Kentucky meeting the conditions for determining state residency under 42 C.F.R. 435.403;
 - (b) Is an immigrant who is lawfully present;
 - (c) Is not an inmate of a public institution or a patient in an institution for mental diseases;
 - (d) Is not eligible for Medicaid pursuant to 907 KAR 20:005 or 907 KAR 20:100;
 - (e)
 1. Has family income that does not exceed 213 percent of the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2), a five (5) percent income disregard is available consistent with the following:
 - a. If an eligibility determination indicates that an individual's income exceeds 213 percent of the federal poverty level established annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9902(2), the department shall apply an additional cushion of five (5) percent of the federal

poverty level toward the eligibility determination for the individual as described pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(14)(I)(i); and

b. If after the five (5) percent adjustment, the individual's income is under the adjusted income threshold, the individual shall meet the modified adjusted gross income standard;

2. Does not have creditable coverage and may be covered by excepted benefits;

3. Provides to the department the information required in Section 4(4) of this administrative regulation; and

4. Meets the continuing eligibility requirements established in 907 KAR 20:010, Section 2; and

(f) A pregnant person's federal poverty level calculation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) shall be at least two (2) and shall include the pregnant person and any unborn children of the pregnant person. Other members of the household shall be calculated and included consistent with KAR Title 907. [A child shall be eligible for KCHIP Phase III if the child:]

~~[(a)] [Is a resident of Kentucky meeting the conditions for determining state residency under 42 C.F.R. 435.403;]~~

~~[(b)] [Is an alien who meets the requirements established in 907 KAR 20:005;]~~

~~[(c)] [Is not an inmate of a public institution or a patient in an institution for mental diseases;]~~

~~[(d)] [Is not eligible for Medicaid pursuant to 907 KAR 20:005 or 907 KAR 20:100; and]~~

~~[(e)] [Is a targeted low-income child as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1397jj(b) who:]~~

~~[1.] [Has family income that does not exceed 213 percent of the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);]~~

~~[2.] [Does not have creditable coverage and may be covered by excepted benefits;]~~

~~[3.] [Provides to the department the information required in Section 4(4) of this administrative regulation;]~~

~~[4.] [Meets the continuing eligibility requirements established in 907 KAR 20:010, Section 2; and]~~

~~[5.] [Meets the relative responsibility requirements established in 907 KAR 20:040.]~~

(2)

(a) Eligibility for KCHIP Phase III shall be determined by the department.

(b) Upon receipt of the eligibility information established in subsection (1) of this section, the department shall determine if a participant~~[child]~~ is eligible for benefits pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396 or 1397bb.

Section 3. Covered Services.

(1) Health services shall be considered as medically necessary in accordance with:

(a) 907 KAR 3:130; and

(b) 42 C.F.R. 440.230.

(2) ~~[Covered services shall exclude:]~~

~~[(a)] [EPSDT special services as established in 907 KAR 11:034, Section 7;]~~

~~[(b)] [Human service transportation delivery as defined by KRS 281.010(25) and as required by 603 KAR 7:080; and]~~

~~[(c)] [Locally authorized medical transportation as established in 907 KAR 1:060, Section 4.]~~

~~[(3)]~~ The amount and duration of benefits covered by KCHIP Phase III shall be as established in Title 907 KAR excluding the services identified in subsection (2) of this section.

(3) ~~((4))~~ A medical service shall be covered through KCHIP Phase III if the individual is determined eligible for KCHIP benefits in accordance with Section 2 of this administrative regulation.

(4) ~~((5))~~ Preventive and remedial public health services shall be provided to KCHIP Phase III members in accordance with 907 KAR 1:360.

(5) ~~((6))~~ KCHIP Phase III shall be the payor of last resort.

Section 4. KCHIP Phase III Approval Process. The following information shall be required from a participant[~~child~~] or responsible party for KCHIP Phase III enrollment:

(1) A participant's[~~child's~~] demographics that shall include:

- (a) Name;
- (b) Address;
- (c) Sex;
- (d) Date of birth;
- (e) Race; and
- (f) Social Security number;

(2) Monthly gross earned income, if any, of a parent and a participant[~~child~~], for whom information is being submitted, an employer type and address, if any, and frequency of income;

(3) The name and address of a health insurance provider who currently provides creditable coverage;

(4) The creditable coverage policy number, policy holder's name, Social Security number, and individuals covered by the plan;

(5) Unearned income, if any, received weekly, biweekly, bimonthly, quarterly, or annually;

(6) The name and age of a participant[~~child~~] or disabled adult for whom care is purchased in order for a parent or responsible person to work; and

(7) The signature, date, and telephone number of the person submitting the information for a participant[~~child~~].

Section 5. Provider Participation Requirements. A provider's enrollment, disclosure, and documentation for participation in KCHIP Phase III shall meet the requirements established in:

- (1) 907 KAR 1:671; and
- (2) 907 KAR 1:672.

Section 6. Complaint, Grievance and Appeal Rights.

(1) If dissatisfied with an action taken by the cabinet, the participant[~~child~~], the participant's[~~child's~~] parent, or the participant's[~~child's~~] guardian shall be entitled to a complaint, grievance, or appeal with the cabinet to be conducted in accordance with:

- (a) 907 KAR 1:560; or
- (b) 907 KAR 1:563.

(2) If a service is provided by a managed care organization, a dispute resolution between a provider and a participant[~~child~~], the participant's[~~child's~~] parent, or the participant's[~~child's~~] guardian shall be in accordance with:

- (a) KRS 211.461 through 211.466; and
- (b) 907 KAR 17:010.

(3) A KCHIP Phase III eligible participant[~~child~~] or a responsible party shall be informed in writing of the right to and procedures for due process by the cabinet:

- (a) At the time information to obtain KCHIP Phase III approval is submitted;
- (b) If there is a change in eligibility status; or
- (c) As required by federal and state laws.

Section 7. Quality Assurance and Utilization Review. The department shall evaluate the following on a continuing basis:

- (1) Access to services;
- (2) Continuity of care;
- (3) Health outcomes; and
- (4) Services arranged or provided as established in 907 KAR Chapter 17.

LISA D. LEE, Commissioner

ERIC C. FRIEDLANDER, Secretary

APPROVED BY AGENCY: July 11, 2022

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on October 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. using the CHFS Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Zoom meeting room. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to each requestor the week prior to the scheduled hearing. Individuals interested in attending this virtual hearing shall notify this agency in writing by October 17, 2022, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until October 31, 2022. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Jonathan Scott and Krista Quarles

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does:

This administrative regulation establishes the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) Phase III eligibility criteria, quality assurance and utilization review, covered services, the approval process, and grievance and appeal rights. The KCHIP Phase III program offers health care coverage to participants whose income exceeds the income thresholds for the Medicaid Program but is under 213 percent of the federal poverty level.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation:

This administrative regulation is necessary to establish the KCHIP Phase III eligibility criteria, quality assurance and utilization review, covered services, the approval process, and grievance and appeal rights.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

This administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes by establishing the KCHIP Phase III eligibility criteria, quality assurance and utilization review, covered services, the approval process, and grievance and appeal rights.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This administrative regulation will assist in the effective administration of the authorizing statutes by establishing the KCHIP Phase III eligibility criteria, quality assurance and utilization review, covered services, the approval process, and grievance and appeal rights.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation:

The amendment to this administrative regulation introduces an option for pregnant recipients to receive KCHIP services up to the limits of KCHIP Phase III eligibility. The amendment also reflects the current program by expanding the KCHIP Phase III program to 218 percent of the federal poverty level. An amendment is also made to delete a subsection addressing exceptions to covered services.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation:

This amendment to this administrative regulation is necessary to reflect an updated state plan amendment to KCHIP Phase III that extends coverage to pregnant recipients.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes:

This administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes by implementing a state plan amendment to KCHIP Phase III.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes:

This administrative regulation assists in the effective administration of the statutes by implementing a state plan amendment to KCHIP Phase III.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation:

DMS provides coverage for about 24,000 pregnancies each year. DMS anticipates that up to 1,000 additional pregnancies and pregnant recipients could be served by this expansion. This segment of the population often has multiple coverage options, such as employer coverage or coverage via a parent, therefore, DMS does not anticipate a large population of individuals relative to the size of other income levels served by Medicaid will seek to participate.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment:

. Recipients who could be eligible will need to apply for KCHIP Phase III services.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3):

. DMS does not anticipate any expenses for this population.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3):

. DMS anticipates that another avenue of coverage will be provided to pregnant individuals within the KCHIP eligibility population. (5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost to implement this administrative regulation:

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially:

The department anticipates that providing KCHIP coverage to 1000 pregnant individuals for 1 year will cost \$1.4 million in state funds.

(b) On a continuing basis:

The department anticipates that providing KCHIP coverage to 1000 pregnant individuals for 1 year will cost \$1.4 million in state funds.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation:

Sources of funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation are federal funds authorized under Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act, and state matching funds of general and agency appropriations.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:

Neither an increase in fees nor funding will be necessary to implement the amendments.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees:

The amendment does not establish or increase any fees.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied?

Tiering was not appropriate in this administrative regulation because the administrative regulation applies equally to all those individuals or entities regulated by it.

FEDERAL MANDATE ANALYSIS COMPARISON

(1) Federal statute or regulation constituting the federal mandate.

42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(14), 42 U.S.C. 1396a(r)(2), 42 U.S.C. 1396a(gg), and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX).

(2) State compliance standards.

KRS 205.520(3) authorizes the cabinet, by administrative regulation, to comply with a requirement that may be imposed or opportunity presented by federal law for the provision of medical assistance to Kentucky's indigent citizenry. KRS 194A.050(1) authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services secretary to “formulate, promote, establish, and execute policies, plans, and programs and shall adopt, administer, and enforce throughout the Commonwealth all applicable state laws and all administrative regulations necessary under applicable state laws to protect, develop, and maintain the health, personal dignity, integrity, and sufficiency of the individual citizens of the Commonwealth and necessary to operate the programs and fulfill the responsibilities vested in the cabinet. The secretary shall promulgate, administer, and enforce those administrative regulations necessary to implement programs mandated by federal law, or to qualify for the receipt of federal funds and necessary to cooperate with other state and federal agencies for the proper administration of the cabinet and its programs.”

(3) Minimum or uniform standards contained in the federal mandate.

42 C.F.R. Part 457 establishes requirements relating to state Participant[child]ren’s Health Insurance Programs.

(4) Will this administrative regulation impose stricter requirements, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements, than those required by the federal mandate?

No.

(5) Justification for the imposition of the stricter standard, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements.

N/A

FISCAL NOTE

(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation?

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will be affected by the amendment to this administrative regulation.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation.

KRS 194A.010(1), 194A.030(2), 194A.050(1), 205.520(3), 205.560, 42 U.S.C. 1315.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year?

DMS does not expect the amendment to this administrative regulation to generate revenue for state or local government.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years?

DMS does not expect the amendment to this administrative regulation to generate revenue for state or local government.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year?

The department anticipates that providing KCHIP coverage to 1000 pregnant individuals for 1 year will cost \$1.4 million in state funds.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years?

The department anticipates that providing KCHIP coverage to 1000 pregnant individuals for 1 year will cost \$1.4 million in state funds.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation:

(4) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and cost savings of regulated entities for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much cost savings will this administrative regulation generate for the regulated entities for the first year?

DMS does not anticipate that cost savings will be generated for regulated entities as a result of the amendments to this administrative regulation in the first year.

(b) How much cost savings will this administrative regulation generate for the regulated entities for subsequent years?

DMS does not anticipate that cost savings will be generated for regulated entities as a result of the amendments to this administrative regulation in subsequent years.

(c) How much will it cost the regulated entities for the first year?

DMS does not anticipate that regulated entities will incur costs as a result of this amendment in the first year.

(d) How much will it cost the regulated entities for subsequent years?

DMS does not anticipate that regulated entities will incur costs as a result of this amendment in subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Cost Savings (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation:

(5) Explain whether this administrative regulation will have a major economic impact, as defined below.

"Major economic impact" means an overall negative or adverse economic impact from an administrative regulation of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more on state or local government or regulated entities, in aggregate, as determined by the promulgating administrative bodies. [KRS 13A.010(13)] The administrative regulation will not have a major economic impact – as defined by KRS 13A.010 – on regulated entities.