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**RE: Amended Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – CHIP State Plan Amendment (SPA) – CS3** to show the CHIP funded age groups and corresponding Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) standards that will be in effect on January 1, 2014. This is a revision to the CHIP state plan amendment (SPA) Tribal consultation letter dated and mailed September 5, 2013.

Dear Tribal Health Leader,

On behalf of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Service (DHSS), single state agency for Medicaid and the CHIP, I am writing to provide an update to the CS3 SPA that I mailed to you earlier this month for Tribal consultation notice. After receiving technical assistance from CMS on another CHIP SPA, I realized that I inadvertently left out the two other age groups that are included in the new MAGI income standards in our Medicaid expansion CHIP. The attached CS3 CHIP SPA shows not only the *from age 6 to age 19* age group and the new associated income standards converted under MAGI, but also the *from age 0 to age 1* and the *from age 1 to age 6* age groups and the newly associated income standards for Medicaid children funded under CHIP. The MAGI rules, effective January 1, 2014, will no longer allow states to disregard certain income, such as the permanent fund dividend (PFD). Therefore, the Department proposed, and CMS approved, a MAGI income conversion to include certain disregarded income. The converted, new income standards for children enrolled in Medicaid and funded by CHIP are reflected in the FPG levels on the attached CS3 SPA. Please note that beginning January 1, 2014, children enrolled in Medicaid, funded under, Title XXI, CHIP, from age 1 to age 19 will be covered in the range above 124% FPG up to and including 203% FPG within two age groups and children from age 0 to age 1 will be covered from 159% FPG up to and including 203% FPG level. While the converted standards show an increase from the current upper FPG level (175%), there has been no actual change as the disregarded income beginning January 1, 2014 will be counted as income and the FPG levels will reflect that change accordingly. FPG levels are published by HHS annually in the Federal Register to account for the last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**Anticipated impact on AN/AIs and Tribal health programs and IHS** – As mentioned in the earlier Tribal consultation letter, this change is not anticipated to affect Alaskan Native and American Indian Medicaid recipients enrolled in the CHIP named Denali KidCare or

reimbursement for Tribal health providers; it will make it easier to ensure that the Medicaid/CHIP programs are in compliance with Federal regulations. The Federal maintenance of certification (MOC) requirements for children, through 2019, are accounted for in that no children will lose eligibility on January 1, 2014 because of prior eligibility policies that disregarded blocks of income described above.

This amended SPA will be submitted to CMS during the first quarter of FFY 2014 (October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013) once DHSS has had time to review and incorporate any changes submitted by the Tribal health organizations as deemed appropriate. As stated in the earlier letter, the DHSS does not believe it will be necessary to convene a face-to-face meeting related to this SPA, but should the Tribes decide that a meeting is necessary, the DHSS will need to receive written request within 15 days of this notice in order to facilitate a meeting.

**Method for providing comments/questions and timeframe for responses** – Please provide any comments or questions related to this SPA within 30 days of the date of this letter to Barbara Hale, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110660, Juneau, AK 99811-0660 or by email to [barbara.hale@alaska.gov](mailto:barbara.hale@alaska.gov). If you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss the State Plan Amendment, please call me at 907-465-5833.

Sincerely,



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# CHIP Eligibility

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Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion Program					CS3
42 CFR 457.320(a)(2) and (3)					
Income eligibility for children under the Medicaid Expansion is determined in accordance with the following income standards: There should be no overlaps or gaps for the ages entered.					
Age and Household Income Ranges					
	From Age	To Age	Above (% FPL)	Up to & including (% FPL)	
<b>+</b>	0	1	159	203	<b>X</b>
<b>+</b>	1	6	159	203	<b>X</b>
<b>+</b>	6	19	124	203	<b>X</b>

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