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**PROGRAM NAME**
*New Mexico State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)*

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**CMS SUBMISSION DATE**
- Plan: May 19, 1998  
- Amendment 1: April 15, 1999  
- Amendment 2: August 2, 2000  
- Amendment 3: October 16, 2001  
- Amendment 4: July 17, 2002  
- S-CHIP waiver: December 14, 2000

**CMS APPROVAL DATE**
- Plan: January 11, 1999  
- Amendment 1: Disapproved July 8, 1999  
- Amendment 2: October 30, 2000  
- Amendment 3: January 9, 2002  
- Amendment 4: October 3, 2002

**ENABLING LEGISLATION**
*NM S 132 (March 6, 1998)*

**PROGRAM START DATE**
- Plan: March 1, 1999  
- Amendment 2: July 1, 2000  
- Amendment 3: July 1, 2001  
- Amendment 4: October 1, 2002

(4th amendment updates and changes the SCHIP state plan to demonstrate the State’s compliance with final SCHIP regulations.)

**TYPE OF PROGRAM**
- New Mexico’s S-CHIP is a Medicaid expansion.
- New Mexico submitted an amendment in April 1999, which was denied in July 1999. The amendment was to be phase IIA, under which New Mexico sought a variance to use the remaining Title XXI funds to create a preventive and intervention services system not included in the Medicaid benefits package. Under this amendment, all Medicaid-eligible children up to age 19 enrolled in S-CHIP would have been eligible for these new services.
- Under the S-CHIP waiver, New Mexico intends to demonstrate that through the addition of public health initiatives for all children and enhanced wrap around services for children enrolled in S-CHIP and Medicaid, there will be an increased use of preventive care thereby resulting in reduced rates of negative health outcomes and improved health status of children in New Mexico.

**ELIGIBILITY LEVELS**
- The New Mexico Title XXI program involves expanding Medicaid coverage for children from birth through age 18 from the current ceiling of 185% of the FPL to 235% of the FPL.
- Enrollees are required to have a 6-month waiting period without health insurance coverage prior to enrollment, under the provisions of the fourth amendment.

**BENEFITS**
- S-CHIP offers the required Medicaid benefits coverage and additional services offered by the MCOs.
- Under the S-CHIP waiver, New Mexico proposes to use the remainder of its allotment for S-CHIP to implement public health initiatives and to cover enhanced, wrap around services for both S-CHIP and Medicaid enrolled children.
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- Under the initial S-CHIP waiver, services in the category of supplemental services for Medicaid and S-CHIP enrolled children are being submitted. In the future, services in the category of public health initiative will be proposed.
- The S-CHIP waiver would authorize funding for three of the original eight benefits in this Phase II plan, including behavioral health respite care, home visiting and service coordination. The other five services will be submitted at a later date as public health initiatives, supplemental benefits or a combination.

SERVICE DELIVERY
Children eligible for Medicaid via S-CHIP are enrolled in SALUD!, New Mexico’s Medicaid-managed care program. Most services are provided through SALUD!, while some specialized services are provided on a fee-for-service basis.

TARGETED NUMBER OF ENROLLEES
Upon the implementation of SCHIP on March 1, 1999, New Mexico estimated that 5,500 children statewide qualify for coverage under SCHIP. A total of 10,473 children have been enrolled during the Federal fiscal year 2002.

SOURCE OF STATE MATCH
The match is from the state’s general fund.

CROWD OUT
- Children are ineligible for 6 months from the date on which creditable health coverage was dropped.
- Exceptions are made for an involuntary loss of insurance, including the dropping of coverage by the employer; a catastrophic illness in a family that carries limited coverage; under-insurance for children who have special needs; and a change in marital status or any other change in circumstances that may inadvertently affect coverage.

EVALUATION AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Goals Achieved:
- By April 1999, 100% of all permissible designated agencies and providers that have applied for presumptive eligibility status were trained, certified, and in place to perform outreach, presumptive eligibility, and Medicaid On-site Application Assistance.
- By April 2000, the first full year SCHIP was in operation, New Mexico achieved 60% of its total goal for SCHIP enrollment.
- New Mexico completed and submitted its first annual report to CMS to meet the data collection and analysis requirements.
- New Mexico enrolled 99.5% of SCHIP eligibles.

COST-SHARING
- Annual copayments for families may not exceed:
  - 3% of income for those between 185% and 200% of the FPL;
  - 4% for those between 201% and 215% of the FPL;
  - and 5% for those between 216% and 235% of the FPL.
- The following copayments are required:
  - $5 per outpatient visit;
  - $5 per dental visit;
  - $15 per emergency room visit;
  - $25 per inpatient hospital admission;
  - $2 per prescription; and
  - $5 for a missed appointment.
- Under Amendment 1, Native American children are exempt from the copayment requirements for Medicaid covered services.
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- By September 30, 2000, 95% of all SCHIP eligibles were enrolled. The state exceeded their benchmark of enrolling 75% of all SCHIP eligibles by September 30, 2000.

Future Benchmarks:
- Maintain 100% rate of all permissible designated agencies and providers that have applied for presumptive eligibility.
- By September 30, 2000, 45% of the Medicaid eligible, but not enrolled, children will be enrolled in Medicaid.