

TEMPLATE FOR CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: New York (Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))/s/ Gabrielle Armenia March XX, 2024 (Signature of Governor, or designee, of State/Territory, Date Signed)

submits the following Child Health Plan for the Children’s Health Insurance Program and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of the approved Child Health Plan, the requirements of Title XXI and XIX of the Act (as appropriate) and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.

The following State officials are responsible for program administration and financial oversight (42 CFR 457.40(c)):

Name:	Position/Title:
Gabrielle Armenia	CHIP Director Director, Division of Eligibility and Marketplace Integration Office of Health Insurance Programs

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**Introduction:** Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), public law 1005-33 amended the Social Security Act (the Act) by adding a new title XXI, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In February 2009, the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) renewed the program. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, further modified the program. The HEALTHY KIDS Act and The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 together resulted in an extension of funding for CHIP through federal fiscal year 2027.

This template outlines the information that must be included in the state plans and the State plan amendments (SPAs). It reflects the regulatory requirements at 42 CFR Part 457 as well as the previously approved SPA templates that accompanied guidance issued to States through State Health Official (SHO) letters. Where applicable, we indicate the SHO number and the date it was issued for your reference. The CHIP SPA template includes the following changes:

- Combined the instruction document with the CHIP SPA template to have a single document. Any modifications to previous instructions are for clarification only and do not reflect new policy guidance.
- Incorporated the previously issued guidance and templates (see the Key following the template for information on the newly added templates), including:
  - Prenatal care and associated health care services (SHO #02-004, issued November 12, 2002)
  - Coverage of pregnant women (CHIPRA #2, SHO # 09-006, issued May 11, 2009)
  - Tribal consultation requirements (ARRA #2, CHIPRA #3, issued May 28, 2009)
  - Dental and supplemental dental benefits (CHIPRA # 7, SHO # #09-012, issued October 7, 2009)
  - Premium assistance (CHIPRA # 13, SHO # 10-002, issued February 2, 2010)
  - Express lane eligibility (CHIPRA # 14, SHO # 10-003, issued February 4, 2010)
  - Lawfully Residing requirements (CHIPRA # 17, SHO # 10-006, issued July 1, 2010)
- Moved sections 2.2 and 2.3 into section 5 to eliminate redundancies between sections 2 and 5.
- Removed crowd-out language that had been added by the August 17 letter that later was repealed.
- Added new provisions related to delivery methods, including managed care, to section 3 (81 FR 27498, issued May 6, 2016)
- Added new assurances related to the coverage of vaccines (Sections 2103(c)(1)(D) and (c)(12)); (Section 11405(b)(1) of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)); (SHO # 23-003, issued June 27, 2023)

States are not required to resubmit existing State plans using this current updated template. However, States must use this updated template when submitting a new State Plan Amendment.

**Federal Requirements for Submission and Review of a Proposed SPA.** (42 CFR Part 457 Subpart A) In order to be eligible for payment under this statute, each State must submit a Title XXI plan for approval by the Secretary that details how the State intends to use the funds and fulfill other requirements under the law and regulations at 42 CFR Part 457. A SPA is approved in 90 days unless the Secretary notifies the State in writing that the plan is disapproved or that specified additional

information is needed. Unlike Medicaid SPAs, there is only one 90-day review period, or clock for CHIP SPAs, that may be stopped by a request for additional information and restarted after a complete response is received. More information on the SPA review process is found at 42 CFR 457 Subpart A.

When submitting a State plan amendment, states should redline the changes that are being made to the existing State plan and provide a “clean” copy including changes that are being made to the existing state plan.

The template includes the following sections:

1. **General Description and Purpose of the Children’s Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements-** This section should describe how the State has designed their program. It also is the place in the template that a State updates to insert a short description and the proposed effective date of the SPA, and the proposed implementation date(s) if different from the effective date. (Section 2101); (42 CFR, 457.70)
2. **General Background and Description of State Approach to Child Health Coverage and Coordination-** This section should provide general information related to the special characteristics of each state’s program. The information should include the extent and manner to which children in the State currently have creditable health coverage, current State efforts to provide or obtain creditable health coverage for uninsured children and how the plan is designed to be coordinated with current health insurance, public health efforts, or other enrollment initiatives. This information provides a health insurance baseline in terms of the status of the children in a given State and the State programs currently in place. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
3. **Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls-** This section requires the State to specify its proposed method of delivery. If the State proposes to use managed care, the State must describe and attest to certain requirements of a managed care delivery system, including contracting standards; enrollee enrollment processes; enrollee notification and grievance processes; and plans for enrolling providers, among others. (Section 2103); (42 CFR Part 457. Subpart L)
4. **Eligibility Standards and Methodology-** The plan must include a description of the standards used to determine the eligibility of targeted low-income children for child health assistance under the plan. This section includes a list of potential eligibility standards the State can check off and provide a short description of how those standards will be applied. All eligibility standards must be consistent with the provisions of Title XXI and may not discriminate on the basis of diagnosis. In addition, if the standards vary within the state, the State should describe how they will be applied and under what circumstances they will be applied. In addition, this section provides information on income eligibility for Medicaid expansion programs (which are exempt from Section 4 of the State plan template) if applicable. (Section 2102(b)); (42 CFR 457.305 and 457.320)
5. **Outreach-** This section is designed for the State to fully explain its outreach activities. Outreach is defined in law as outreach to families of children likely to be eligible for child health assistance under the plan or under other public or private health coverage programs. The purpose is to inform these families of the availability of, and to assist them in enrolling their children in, such a program. (Section 2102(c)(1)); (42 CFR 457.90)

6. **Coverage Requirements for Children’s Health Insurance-** Regarding the required scope of health insurance coverage in a State plan, the child health assistance provided must consist of any of the four types of coverage outlined in Section 2103(a) (specifically, benchmark coverage; benchmark-equivalent coverage; existing comprehensive state-based coverage; and/or Secretary- approved coverage). In this section States identify the scope of coverage and benefits offered under the plan including the categories under which that coverage is offered. The amount, scope, and duration of each offered service should be fully explained, as well as any corresponding limitations or exclusions. (Section 2103); (42 CFR 457.410(A))
7. **Quality and Appropriateness of Care-** This section includes a description of the methods (including monitoring) to be used to assure the quality and appropriateness of care and to assure access to covered services. A variety of methods are available for State’s use in monitoring and evaluating the quality and appropriateness of care in its child health assistance program. The section lists some of the methods which states may consider using. In addition to methods, there are a variety of tools available for State adaptation and use with this program. The section lists some of these tools. States also have the option to choose who will conduct these activities. As an alternative to using staff of the State agency administering the program, states have the option to contract out with other organizations for this quality-of-care function. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.495)
8. **Cost Sharing and Payment-** This section addresses the requirement of a State child health plan to include a description of its proposed cost sharing for enrollees. Cost sharing is the amount (if any) of premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and other cost sharing imposed. The cost-sharing requirements provide protection for lower income children, ban cost sharing for preventive services, address the limitations on premiums and cost-sharing and address the treatment of pre- existing medical conditions. (Section 2103(e)); (42 CFR 457, Subpart E)
9. **Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration-** The section addresses the strategic objectives, the performance goals, and the performance measures the State has established for providing child health assistance to targeted low-income children under the plan for maximizing health benefits coverage for other low-income children and children generally in the state. (Section 2107); (42 CFR 457.710)
10. **Annual Reports and Evaluations-** Section 2108(a) requires the State to assess the operation of the Children’s Health Insurance Program plan and submit to the Secretary an annual report which includes the progress made in reducing the number of uninsured low-income children. The report is due by January 1, following the end of the Federal fiscal year and should cover that Federal Fiscal Year. In this section, states are asked to assure that they will comply with these requirements, indicated by checking the box. (Section 2108); (42 CFR 457.750)
11. **Program Integrity-** In this section, the State assures that services are provided in an effective and efficient manner through free and open competition or through basing rates on other public and private rates that are actuarially sound. (Sections 2101(a) and 2107(e); (42 CFR 457, subpart I)
12. **Applicant and Enrollee Protections-** This section addresses the review process for eligibility and enrollment matters, health services matters (i.e., grievances), and for states that use premium assistance a description of how it will assure that applicants and enrollees are given the opportunity at initial enrollment and at each redetermination of eligibility to obtain health

benefits coverage other than through that group health plan. (Section 2101(a)); (42 CFR 457.1120)

**Program Options.** As mentioned above, the law allows States to expand coverage for children through a separate child health insurance program, through a Medicaid expansion program, or through a combination of these programs. These options are described further below:

- **Option to Create a Separate Program-** States may elect to establish a separate child health program that are in compliance with title XXI and applicable rules. These states must establish enrollment systems that are coordinated with Medicaid and other sources of health coverage for children and also must screen children during the application process to determine if they are eligible for Medicaid and, if they are, enroll these children promptly in Medicaid.
- **Option to Expand Medicaid-** States may elect to expand coverage through Medicaid. This option for states would be available for children who do not qualify for Medicaid under State rules in effect as of March 31, 1997. Under this option, current Medicaid rules would apply.

#### **Medicaid Expansion- CHIP SPA Requirements**

In order to expedite the SPA process, states choosing to expand coverage only through an expansion of Medicaid eligibility would be required to complete sections:

- 1 (General Description)
- 2 (General Background)

They will also be required to complete the appropriate program sections, including:

- 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
- 5 (Outreach)
- 9 (Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration including the budget)
- 10 (Annual Reports and Evaluations).

#### **Medicaid Expansion- Medicaid SPA Requirements**

States expanding through Medicaid-only will also be required to submit a Medicaid State plan amendment to modify their Title XIX State plans. These states may complete the first check-off and indicate that the description of the requirements for these sections are incorporated by reference through their State Medicaid plans for sections:

- 3 (Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls)
- 4 (Eligibility Standards and Methodology)
- 6 (Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance)
- 7 (Quality and Appropriateness of Care)
- 8 (Cost Sharing and Payment)
- 11 (Program Integrity)
- 12 (Applicant and Enrollee Protections)

- **Combination of Options-** CHIP allows states to elect to use a combination of the Medicaid program and a separate child health program to increase health coverage for children. For example, a State may cover optional targeted-low-income children in families with incomes of up to 133 percent of poverty through Medicaid and a targeted group of children above that level through a separate child health program. For the children the State chooses to cover under an expansion of Medicaid, the description provided under “Option to Expand Medicaid” would apply. Similarly, for children the State chooses to cover under a separate program, the provisions outlined above in “Option to Create a Separate Program” would apply. States wishing to use a combination of approaches will be required to complete the Title XXI State plan and the necessary State plan amendment under Title XIX.

Where the state’s assurance is requested in this document for compliance with a particular requirement of 42 CFR 457 et seq., the state shall place a check mark to affirm that it will be in compliance no later than the applicable compliance date.

Proposed State plan amendments should be submitted electronically and one signed hard copy to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at the following address:

Name of Project Officer  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Blvd  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244  
Attn: Children and Adults Health Programs Group  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Mail Stop - S2-01-16

**Section 1. General Description and Purpose of the Children’s Health Insurance Plans and the Requirements**

1.1. The state will use funds provided under Title XXI primarily for (Check appropriate box) (Section 2101(a)(1)); (42 CFR 457.70):

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through the development of a separate program that meets the requirements of Section 2101, which details coverage requirements and the other applicable requirements of Title XXI.

1.1.1.  Obtaining coverage that meets the requirements for a separate child health program (Section s 2101(a)(1) and 2103); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided primarily through providing expanded eligibility under the State’s Medicaid program (Title XIX). Note that if this is selected the State must also submit a corresponding Medicaid SPA to CMS for review and approval.

1.1.2.  Providing expanded benefits under the State’s Medicaid plan (Title XIX) (Section 2101(a)(2)); OR

Guidance: Check below if child health assistance shall be provided through a combination of both 1.1.1. and 1.1.2. (Coverage that meets the requirements of Title XXI, in conjunction with an expansion in the State’s Medicaid program). Note that if this is selected the state must also submit a corresponding Medicaid state plan amendment to CMS for review and approval.

1.1.3.  A combination of both of the above. (Section 2101(a)(2))

1.1-DS  The State will provide dental-only supplemental coverage. Only States operating a separate CHIP program are eligible for this option. States choosing this option must also complete Section s 4.1-DS, 4.2-DS, 6.2-DS, 8.2-DS, and 9.10 of this SPA template. (Section 2110(b)(5))

1.2.  Check to provide an assurance that expenditures for child health assistance will not be claimed prior to the time that the State has legislative authority to operate the State plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS. (42 CFR 457.40(d))

1.3.  Check to provide an assurance that the State complies with all applicable civil rights requirements, including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 45 CFR part 80, part 84, and part 91, and 28 CFR part 35. (42CFR 457.130)

Guidance: The effective date as specified below is defined as the date on which the State begins to incur costs to implement its State plan or amendment. (42 CFR 457.65) The implementation date is defined as the date the State begins to provide services; or, the date on which the State puts into practice the new policy described in the State plan or amendment. For example, in a State that has increased eligibility, this is the date on which the State begins to provide coverage to enrollees (and not the date the State begins outreach or accepting applications).

- 1.4. Provide the effective (date costs begin to be incurred) and implementation (date services begin to be provided) dates for this SPA (42 CFR 457.65). A SPA may only have one effective date, but provisions within the SPA may have different implementation dates that must be after the effective date.

Original  
Plan:

Original Submission

Submission date: November 15, 1997  
Effective date: April 15, 2003  
Implementation date: April 15, 2003

SPA #1

Submission date: March 26, 1998  
Denial: April 1, 1998  
Reconsideration: May 26, 1998(Withdrawn)

SPA #2

Submission date: March 30, 1999  
Effective date: January 1, 1999  
Implementation date: January 1, 1999

SPA #3

Submission date: March 21, 2001  
Effective date: April 1, 2000  
Implementation date: April 1, 2000

SPA #4

Submission date: March 27, 2002  
Effective date: April 1, 2001  
Implementation date: April 1, 2001

SPA #5 (compliance)

Submission date: March 31, 2003

SPA #6 (renewal process)

Submission date: March 22, 2004  
Effective date: April 1, 2003  
Implementation date: April 1, 2003

SPA #7

Submission date: March 17, 2005  
Effective date: April 1, 2004 (Updates to State  
Plan) April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of  
Medicaid  
Expansion Program)



Implementation date: April 1, 2004 (Updates to State Plan)  
April 1, 2005 (Phase-out of Medicaid Expansion Program)

SPA #8

Submission date: March 28, 2006  
Effective date: April 1, 2005  
Implementation date: August 1, 2005

SPA #9

Submission date: March 28, 2007  
Effective date: April 1, 2006  
Implementation date: April 1, 2006

SPA # 10

Submission date: April 3, 2007  
Effective date: April 1, 2007  
Implementation date: April 1, 2007  
-general information  
Implementation date (Proposed): September 1, 2007  
Implementation date (Actual): September 1, 2008  
-expansion, substitution strategies  
Denied: September 7, 2007  
Petition for Reconsideration: October 31, 2007  
Stayed March 17, 2009

SPA # 11

Submission date: May 14, 2007  
Effective date: September 1, 2007  
Implementation date: September 1, 2007

SPA # 12

Submission date: March 18, 2009  
Effective date: September 1, 2008  
Implementation date: September 1, 2008

SPA # 13

Submission date: June 30, 2009  
Effective date: April 1, 2009  
Implementation date: April 1, 2009

SPA # 14

Submission date: July 6, 2009  
Effective date: July 1, 2009  
Implementation date: July 1, 2009

SPA # 15

Submission date: March 29, 2010  
Effective date: April 1, 2009  
Implementation date: April 1, 2009

SPA # 16

Submission date: March 21, 2011  
Effective date: April 1, 2010  
Implementation date: April 1, 2010

SPA # 17

Submission date: May 20,  
2011 Effective date (Enrollment Center): June 13,  
2011 Effective date (Medical Homes  
Initiative): October 1, 2011  
Implementation date: June 13, 2011

SPA # 18

Submission date: September 20, 2011  
Effective date: August 25, 2011  
Implementation date: August 25, 2011

SPA # 19

Submission date: March 22, 2012  
Effective date (Medicaid Expansion): November 11,  
2011 Implementation date: November 11,  
2011

SPA # 20

Submission date: March 31,  
2014 Effective date (autism benefit): April 1, 2013  
Effective date (other ACA changes) January 1,  
2014  
Implementation date: April 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014

SPA #21

Submission date: March 31, 2015  
Effective date: April 1, 2014  
Implementation date: April 1, 2014

SPA #NY-16-0022- C-A

Submission date: March 28,  
2016 Effective date: (HSI for Poison  
Control Centers and Sickle Cell  
Screening): April 1, 2015  
Effective date (Ostomy Supplies): May 1, 2015  
Implementation date: April 1, 2015 and May 1, 2015

SPA #NY-17-0023 – C - A

Submission date: March 31,  
2017 Effective date (HSI Opioid Drug  
Addiction and Opioid Overdose  
Prevention Program for Schools,  
Hunger Prevention Nutrition April 1,  
2016 Assistance Program (HPNAP)  
Effective date (Coverage for  
Newborns): January 1, 2017  
Implementation date: April 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017

SPA #NY – 19-0024

Submission date: March 27,  
2019 Effective date (Transition of  
Children to NY State of Health):  
Effective Date (Allowing  
Children to Recertify on the Last  
Day of the Month of their  
Enrollment Period):  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2018

SPA # NY -19-0025

Submission date: March 28,  
2019 Removal of the 90 day  
Waiting Period.  
Effective Date: April 1, 2018  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2018

SPA #NY- 20-0026– *Pending Approval*

Submission Date: March 18,  
2020 Effective Date Mental Health  
Parity Compliance: April 1, 2019  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0027– *Pending Approval*

Submission Date: March 31,  
2020 Effective Date: Compliance with  
Managed Care Regulations April 1, 2019  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2019

SPA #NY- 20-0028

Submission Date: March 31,  
2020 Effective Date: Disaster Relief  
Provisions March 1, 2020

Implementation Date: March 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 20-0029

Submission Date: June 25,  
2020 Effective Date: (HSI Early  
Intervention Program)  
Provisions April 1, 2020  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 21-0030 – *Pending Approval*

Submission Date: March 31,  
2021 Effective Date: Support Act  
Provisions April 1, 2020  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2020

SPA #NY- 21-0031-CHIP

Submission Date: March 31,  
2022 Effective Date: Ends Manual  
Process to Remove Children from  
the Child Health Plus Waiting  
period and replaces  
CS 20 attachment: July 15, 2021  
Implementation Date: July 15, 2021

SPA #NY- 21-0032-CHIP

Submission Date: March 31, 2022  
Effective Date: Compliance with  
the American Rescue Plan Act  
of 2021: March 11, 2021  
Implementation Date: March 11, 2021

SPA #NY-22-0033-CHIP

Submission Date: September 15, 2022  
Effective Date: Elimination  
of the \$9 Family Premium  
Contribution: October 1, 2022  
Implementation Date: October 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0034-CHIP

Submission Date: March 7, 2023  
Effective Date: From conception  
to the end of pregnancy (FCEP)  
Coverage: April 1, 2022

Implementation Date: April 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0034A-CHIP  
Submission Date: March 7, 2023  
Effective Date  
From conception  
to the end of pregnancy (FCEP)  
Option (MMDL CS9): April 1, 2022  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2022

SPA #NY-23-0035-CHIP - *Pending Approval*  
Submission Date: March 21, 2023  
Effective Date: Expansion of  
Child Health Plus Covered  
Health Services in  
Accordance with Public Health  
Law §2510(7): January 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: January 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0036-CHIP  
Submission Date: February 23, 2023  
Effective Date:  
12-Month Postpartum  
Continuous Eligibility in  
CHIP March 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: March 1, 2023

SPA #NY-24-0037-CHIP  
Submission Date: March XX, 2024  
Effective Date: Benefit  
Expansion:  
Residential Rehabilitation  
Services for Youth: April 1, 2023  
Implementation Date: April 1, 2023

**1.4- TC Tribal Consultation** (Section 2107(e)(1)(C)) Describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment, when it occurred and who was involved.

TN No: Approval Date Effective Date

## Section 6. Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance

**6.3- BH Covered Benefits** Please check off the behavioral health services that are provided to the state's CHIP populations, and provide a description of the amount, duration, and scope of each benefit. For each benefit, please also indicate whether the benefit is available for mental health and/or substance use disorders. If there are differences in benefits based on the population or type of condition being treated, please specify those differences.

If EPSDT is provided, as described at Section 6.2.22 and 6.2.22.1, the state should only check off the applicable benefits. It does not have to provide additional information regarding the amount, duration, and scope of each covered behavioral health benefit.

**6.3.4- BH**  Inpatient services, including services furnished in a state-operated mental hospital and including residential or other 24-hour therapeutically planned structural services (Sections 2110(a)(10) and 2110(a)(18))

Provided for:  Mental Health  Substance Use Disorder

Guidance: If applicable, please clarify any differences within the residential treatment benefit (e.g. intensity of services, provider types, or settings in which the residential treatment services are provided).

**6.3.4.1- BH**  Residential Treatment

Provided for:  Mental Health  Substance Use Disorder

Scope of Coverage: Services to be provided in a facility issued a Part 817 operating certificate from the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), pursuant to Article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

Level of Coverage: Includes all services provided by the Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth (RRSY) as described in OASAS Part 817. These services include, but are not limited to, clinical services, recovery support services, educational and vocational assessments and services, Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and food and nutrition services. Clinical services include individual, group, and family counseling, assessment and referral services for patients and significant others (e.g., parent/guardian(s), sibling(s), partner(s), etc.), medical and psychiatric consultation, and HIV and AIDS, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, and other communicable diseases education, risk assessment, supportive counseling and referral.

Services must be clinically indicated and specified in the individualized treatment/recovery plan and/or progress notes.

## Section 9. Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration

**9.10.** Provide a 1-year projected budget. A suggested financial form for the budget is below. The budget must describe: (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140)

- Planned use of funds, including:
  - Projected amount to be spent on health services;
  - Projected amount to be spent on administrative costs, such as outreach, child health initiatives, and evaluation; and
  - Assumptions on which the budget is based, including cost per child and expected enrollment.
  - Projected expenditures for the separate child health plan, including but not limited to expenditures for targeted low income children, the optional coverage of the unborn, lawfully residing eligibles, dental services, etc.
  - All cost sharing, benefit, payment, eligibility need to be reflected in the budget.
- Projected sources of non-Federal plan expenditures, including any requirements for cost-sharing by enrollees.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of providing coverage to pregnant women.
- States must include a separate budget line item to indicate the cost of providing coverage to premium assistance children.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of providing dental-only supplemental coverage.
- Include a separate budget line to indicate the cost of implementing Express Lane Eligibility.
- Provide a 1-year projected budget for all targeted low-income children covered under the state plan using the attached form. Additionally, provide the following:

**CHILD HEALTH PLUS BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Benefit Costs</b>			
Insurance Payments	\$1,218,498,165	\$1,412,760,281	\$1,524,902,505
Managed Care Payments	\$961,971,735	\$1,005,260,463	\$1,050,497,184
Fee for Service			
<b>Total Benefit Costs</b>	\$2,180,469,900	\$2,418,020,744	\$2,575,399,689
<i>(Offsetting beneficiary cost sharing payments)</i>	<i>(\$43,654,000)</i>	<i>(\$43,654,000)</i>	<i>(\$43,654,000)</i>
<b>Net Benefit Costs</b>	\$2,136,815,900	\$2,374,366,744	\$2,531,745,689
<b>RRSY Benefit Cost (Effective 4/1/23)</b>	\$116,304	\$237,894	\$248,707
<b>Net Benefit Costs Plus Benefit Expansion Cost</b>	\$2,136,932,204	\$2,374,604,638	\$2,531,994,396
<b>Administration Costs</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Personnel	\$2,830,547	\$2,915,463	\$3,002,927
General Administration	\$21,481,520	\$49,848,617	\$29,207,238
Contractors/Brokers (e.g., enrollment contractors)			
Claims Processing			
Outreach/Marketing costs	\$983,178	\$1,012,673	\$1,043,053
Other (e.g., indirect costs)	\$365,249	\$376,206	\$387,493
Health Services Initiatives	\$140,154,001	\$209,692,000	\$247,692,000
<b>Total Administration Costs</b>	\$165,814,495	\$263,844,960	\$281,332,711
10% Administrative Cap	\$237,436,912	\$263,844,960	\$281,332,711
<b>Federal Title XXI Share</b>	\$1,626,027,330	\$1,721,918,169	\$1,828,662,620
<b>State Share</b>	\$748,341,786	\$916,531,429	\$984,664,488
<b>TOTAL COSTS OF APPROVED CHIP PLAN</b>	\$2,374,369,116	\$2,638,449,598	\$2,813,327,107



**Appendix I**  
**New York State**  
**Child Health Plus**  
**Benefits Package**

## Child Health Plus Benefits Package

**No Pre-Existing Condition Limitations  
Permitted No Co-payments or  
Deductibles**

**Effective April 1, 2023**

General Coverage	Scope of Coverage	Level of Coverage
<b>Pediatric Health Promotion Visits</b>	Well child care visits in accordance with visitation schedule established by American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended immunization schedule.	Includes all services related to visits. Includes immunizations which must be provided within 90 days from publication in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, well childcare, health education, tuberculin testing (mantoux), hearing testing, dental and developmental screening, clinical laboratory and radiological tests, eye screening, lead screening, and reproductive health services, with direct access to such reproductive health services.
<b>Inpatient Hospital or Medical or Surgical Care</b>	As a registered bed patient for treatment of an illness, injury or condition which cannot be treated on an outpatient basis. The hospital must be a short-term, acute care facility and New York State licensed.	No benefits will be provided for any out-of-hospital days, or if inpatient care was not necessary; no benefits are provided after discharge; benefits are paid in full for accommodations in a semi-private room. A private room will be covered if medically warranted. Includes 365 days per year coverage for inpatient hospital services and services provided by physicians and other professional personnel for covered inpatient services: bed and board, including special diet and nutritional therapy; general, special and critical care nursing services, supplies and equipment related to surgical operations, recovery facilities, anesthesia, and facilities for intensive or special care; oxygen and other inhalation therapeutic services and supplies; drugs and medications that are not experimental; sera, biologicals, vaccines, intravenous preparations, dressings, casts, and materials for diagnostic studies; blood products, except when participation in a volunteer blood replacement program is available to the insured or covered person, and services and equipment related to their administration; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to diagnostic studies and the monitoring of physiologic functions, including but not limited to laboratory, pathology, cardiographic, endoscopic, radiologic and electro-encephalographic studies and examinations; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to radiation and nuclear therapy; facilities, services, supplies and equipment related to emergency medical care; chemotherapy; any additional medical, surgical, or related services, supplies and equipment that are customarily furnished by the hospital.

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<b>Maternity Care</b>	Inpatient hospital coverage for at least 48 hours after childbirth for any delivery other than a C-Section and in at least 96 hours following a C-section. Also, coverage of parent education, assistance and training in breast and bottle feeding and any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments. The mother shall have the option to be discharged earlier than the 48/96 hours, provided that at least one home care visit is covered post-discharge. Prenatal, labor and delivery is covered.	No limitations; (however subsidized children requiring maternity care services will be referred to Medicaid).
<b>Inpatient Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Use Services</b>	Services to be provided in a facility operated by OMH under sec. 7.17 of the Mental Hygiene Law, or a facility issued an operating certificate pursuant to Article 23 or Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law or a general hospital as defined in Article 28 of the Public Health Law.	No limitations for inpatient mental health services, inpatient detoxification and inpatient rehabilitation.
<b><u>Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth (RRSY)</u></b>	<u>Services to be provided in a facility issued a Part 817 operating certificate from the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), pursuant to Article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law.</u>	<u>Includes all services provided by the RRSY, as described in OASAS Part 817. These services include, but are not limited to, clinical services, recovery support services, educational and vocational assessments and services, Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and food and nutrition services. Clinical services include individual, group, and family counseling, assessment and referral services for patients and significant others (e.g., parent/guardian(s), sibling(s), partner(s), etc.), medical and psychiatric consultation, and HIV and AIDS, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, and other communicable diseases education, risk assessment, supportive counseling and referral.</u>  <u>Services must be clinically indicated and specified in the individualized treatment/recovery plan and/or progress notes.</u>  <u>Services shall be reimbursed in accordance with government rate-setting methodology.</u>
<b>Inpatient Rehabilitation</b>	Acute care services provided by an Article 28 General Hospital	Services supplies and equipment related to physical medicine and occupational therapy and short-term rehabilitation.
<b>Professional Services for Diagnosis and Treatment of Illness and Injury</b>	Provides services on ambulatory basis by a covered provider for Medically Necessary diagnosis and treatment of sickness and injury and other conditions. Includes all services related to visits. Professional services are provided on outpatient basis and inpatient basis.	No limitations. Includes wound dressing and casts to immobilize fractures for the immediate treatment of the medical condition. Injections and medications provided at the time of the office visit or therapy will be covered. Includes audiometric testing where deemed Medically Necessary.

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<b>Hospice Services and Expenses</b>	Coordinated hospice program of home and inpatient services which provide non-curative medical and support services for persons certified by a physician to be terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less.	Hospice Services include palliative and supportive care provided to a patient to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stress which are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement. Hospice organizations must be certified under Article 40 of the NYS Public Health Law. All services must be provided by qualified employees and volunteers of the hospice or by qualified staff through contractual arrangements to the extent permitted by federal and state requirements. All services must be provided according to a written plan of care which reflects the changing needs of the patient/family. Family members are eligible for up to five visits for bereavement counseling.								
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	Procedure performed within the provider's office will be covered as well as "ambulatory surgery procedures" which may be performed in a hospital-based ambulatory surgery service or a freestanding ambulatory surgery center.	The utilization review process must ensure that the ambulatory surgery is appropriately provided.								
<b>Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests</b>	Prescribed ambulatory clinical laboratory tests and diagnostic x-rays.	No limitations.								
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetic Appliances and Orthotic Devices</b>	<p>Durable Medical Equipment means devices and equipment ordered by a practitioner for the treatment of a specific medical condition which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Can withstand repeated use for a protracted period of time;</li> <li>⇒ Are primarily and customarily used for medical purposes;</li> <li>⇒ Are generally not useful in the absence of illness or injury; and</li> <li>⇒ Are usually not fitted, designed or fashioned for a particular person's use.</li> </ul> <p>DME intended for use by one person may be custom-made or customized.</p>	<p>Includes hospital beds and accessories, oxygen and oxygen supplies, pressure pads, volume ventilators, therapeutic ventilators, nebulizers and other equipment for respiratory care, traction equipment, walkers, wheelchairs and accessories, commode chairs, toilet rails, apnea monitors, patient lifts, nutrition infusion pumps, ambulatory infusion pumps and other miscellaneous DME.</p> <p>DME coverage includes equipment servicing (labor and parts). Examples include, but are not limited to:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Fitted/Customized leg brace</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Not fitted/Customized</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cane</td> <td>Wheelchair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prosthetic arm</td> <td>Crutches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footplate</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Fitted/Customized leg brace	Not fitted/Customized	cane	Wheelchair	Prosthetic arm	Crutches	Footplate	
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Prosthetic Appliances are those appliances and devices ordered by a qualified practitioner which replace any missing part of the body.	Covered without limitation except that there is no coverage for cranial prosthesis ( <i>i.e.</i> wigs) and dental prosthesis, except those made necessary due to accidental injury to sound, natural teeth and provided within twelve months of the accident, and except for dental prosthesis needed in treatment of congenital abnormality or as part of reconstructive surgery									
Orthotic Devices are those devices which are used to support a weak or deformed body member or to restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body	No limitations on orthotic devices except that, devices prescribed solely for use during sports are not covered.									

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<b>Diabetic Supplies and Equipment</b>	Insulin, blood glucose monitors, blood glucose monitors for visually impaired, data management systems, test strips for monitors and visual reading, urine test strips, insulin, injection aids, cartridges for visually impaired, syringes, insulin pumps and appurtenances thereto, insulin infusion devices, oral agents.	As prescribed by a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law.
<b>Ostomy Equipment and Supplies</b>	Ostomy equipment and supplies used to contain diverted urine or fecal contents outside the body from a surgically created opening (stoma).	As prescribed by a health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law.
<b>Therapeutic Services</b>	Ambulatory radiation therapy, chemotherapy, injections and medications provided at time of therapy ( <i>i.e.</i> chemotherapy) will also be covered.	No limitations. These therapies must be Medically Necessary and under the supervision or referral of a licensed physician. Short term physical and occupational therapies will be covered when ordered by a physician. Physical and occupational therapies for a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder are also covered when such treatment is deemed habilitative or nonrestorative. No procedure or services considered experimental will be reimbursed.
	Hemodialysis	Determination of the need for services and whether home-based or facility-based treatment is appropriate.
	Infusion of blood clotting factor and other services in connection with the treatment of blood clotting protein deficiencies	Coverage for blood clotting factor, supplies and other services needed for home infusion of blood clotting factor for the treatment of a blood clotting protein deficiency. Infusion may be performed in an outpatient setting or in the home by a home by a Homehealth Care agency, a properly trained parent or legal guardian of a child, or a properly trained child that is physically and developmentally capable of self-administering such products.

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<b>Speech and Hearing Services Including Hearing Aids</b>	Hearing examinations to determine the need for corrective action and speech therapy performed by an audiologist, language pathologist, a speech therapist and/or otolaryngologist.	One hearing examination per calendar year is covered. If an auditory deficiency requires additional hearing exams and follow-up exams, these exams will be covered. Hearing aids, including batteries and repairs, are covered. If Medically Necessary, more than one hearing aid will be covered.  Covered speech therapy services are those required for a condition amenable to significant clinical improvement within a two-month period, beginning with the first day of therapy. Covered speech therapy services for a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder shall also be provided if deemed habilitative or nonrestorative.
<b>Pre-Surgical Testing</b>	All tests (laboratory, x-ray, etc.) necessary prior to inpatient or outpatient surgery.	Benefits are available if a physician orders the tests; proper diagnosis and treatment require the tests; and the surgery takes place within seven days after the testing. If surgery is canceled because of pre-surgical test findings or as a result of a Second Opinion on Surgery, the cost of the tests will be covered.
<b>Second Surgical Opinion</b>	Provided by a qualified physician.	No limitations.
<b>Second Medical Opinion</b>	Provided by an appropriate Specialist, including one affiliated with a specialty care center.	A second medical opinion is available in the event of a positive or negative diagnosis of cancer, a recurrence of cancer, or a recommendation of a course of treatment of cancer.
<b>Outpatient Visits for Mental Health and for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Alcoholism and Substance Use</b>	Services must be provided by certified and/or licensed professionals.	No limitations. Visits may include family therapy for alcohol, drug and/or mental health as long as such therapy is directly related to the enrolled child's alcohol, drug and/or mental health treatment.
<b>Home Health Care Services</b>	The care and treatment of a covered person who is under the care of a physician but only if Hospitalization or confinement in a skilled nursing facility would otherwise have been required if home care was not provided and the plan covering the home health service is established and provided in writing by such physician.	Home care shall be provided by a certified home health agency possessing a valid certificate of approval issued pursuant to Article 36 of the Public Health Law. Home care shall consist of one or more of the following: part-time or intermittent home health aide services which consist primarily of caring for the patient, physical, occupational, or speech therapy if provided by the home health agency and medical supplies, drugs and medications prescribed by a physician, and laboratory services by or on behalf of a certified home health agency to the extent such items would have been covered or provided under the contract if the covered person had been hospitalized or confined in a skilled nursing facility. The contract must provide 40 such visits in any calendar year, if such visits are Medically Necessary.
<b>Diabetic Education and Home Visits</b>	Diabetes self-management education (including diet); reeducation or refresher. Home visits for diabetic monitoring and/or education.	Limited to visits Medically Necessary where a physician diagnoses a significant change in the patient's symptoms or conditions which necessitate changes in a patient's self-management or where reeducation is necessary. May be provided by a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law, or their staff, as part of an office visit for diabetes diagnosis or treatment, or by a certified diabetes nurse educator, certified diagnosis nutritionist, certified dietician or registered dietician upon the referral of a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law and may be limited to group settings wherever practicable.

<b>Prescription and Non-Prescription Drugs</b>	Prescription and non-prescription medications must be authorized by a professional licensed to write prescriptions.	Prescriptions must be Medically Necessary. May be limited to generic medications where medically acceptable. Includes family planning or contraceptive medications or devices. All medications used for preventive and therapeutic purposes will be covered. Vitamins are not covered except when necessary to treat a diagnosed illness or condition. Coverage includes enteral formulas for home use for which a physician or other provider authorized to prescribe has issued a written order. Enteral formulas for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from nutritional supplements taken electively. Coverage for certain inherited diseases of amino acid and organic acid metabolism shall include modified solid food products that are low-protein, or which contain modified protein.
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	For services to treat an emergency condition in hospital facilities. For the purpose of this provision, "emergency condition" means a medical or behavioral condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition in serious jeopardy, or in the case of a behavioral condition placing the health of such person or others in serious jeopardy;</li> <li>⇒ Serious impairment to such person's bodily functions;</li> <li>⇒ Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or</li> <li>⇒ Serious disfigurement of such person.</li> </ul>	No limitations.

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<b>Ambulance Services</b>	Pre-hospital emergency medical services, including prompt evaluation and treatment of an emergency condition and/or non-airborne transportation to a hospital.	<p>Services must be provided by an ambulance service issued a certificate to operate pursuant to Section 3005 of the Public Health Law.</p> <p>Evaluation and treatment services must be for an emergency condition defined as a medical or behavioral condition, the onset of which is sudden, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition in serious jeopardy, or in the case of a behavioral condition placing the health of such person or others in serious jeopardy;</li> <li>⇒ Serious impairment to such person's bodily functions;</li> <li>⇒ Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or</li> <li>⇒ Serious disfigurement of such person.</li> </ul> <p><i>Coverage for non-airborne emergency transportation is based on whether a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonable expect the absence of such transportation to result in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition in serious jeopardy;</li> <li>⇒ Serious impairment to such person's bodily functions;</li> <li>⇒ Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or</li> <li>⇒ Serious disfigurement of such person.</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency, Preventive and Routine Vision Care</b>	Vision examinations performed by a physician, or optometrist for the purpose of determining the need for corrective lenses, and if needed, to provide a prescription.	The vision examination may include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Case history</li> <li>⇒ Internal and External examination of the eye</li> <li>⇒ Ophthalmoscopic exam</li> <li>⇒ Determination of refractive status</li> <li>⇒ Binocular balance</li> <li>⇒ Tonometry tests for glaucoma</li> <li>⇒ Gross visual fields and color vision testing</li> <li>⇒ Summary findings and recommendations for corrective lenses</li> </ul>
	Prescribed Lenses	At a minimum, quality standard prescription lenses provided by a physician, optometrist or optician are to be covered once in any twelve-month period, unless required more frequently with appropriate documentation. The lenses may be glass or plastic lenses.
	Frames	At a minimum, standard frames adequate to hold lenses will be covered once in any twelve-month period, unless required more frequently with appropriate documentation.
	Contact Lenses	If medically warranted, more than one pair of glasses will be covered. Covered when Medically Necessary.



<b>Emergency, Preventive and Routine Dental Care</b>	Emergency Dental Care	Includes emergency treatment required to alleviate pain and suffering caused by dental disease or trauma.
	Preventive Dental Care	<p>Includes procedures which help prevent oral disease from occurring, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Prophylaxis: scaling and polishing the teeth at 6-month intervals.</li> <li>⇒ Topical fluoride application at 6 month intervals where local water supply is not fluoridated.</li> <li>⇒ Sealants on unrestored permanent molar teeth.</li> <li>⇒ Space Maintenance: unilateral or bilateral space maintainers will be covered for placement in a restored deciduous and/or mixed dentition to maintain space for normally developing permanent teeth.</li> </ul>
	Routine Dental Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Dental examinations, visits and consultations covered once within 6-month consecutive period (when primary teeth erupt)</li> <li>⇒ X-ray, full mouth x-rays at 36-month intervals, if necessary, bitewing x-rays at 6-12 month intervals, or panoramic x-rays at 36 month intervals if necessary; and other x-rays as required (once primary teeth erupt)</li> <li>⇒ All necessary procedures for simple extractions and other routine dental surgery not requiring Hospitalization including preoperative care and postoperative care</li> <li>⇒ In office conscious sedation</li> <li>⇒ Amalgam, composite restorations and stainless steel crowns</li> <li>⇒ Other restorative materials appropriate for children</li> </ul>
	Endodontics	Includes all necessary procedures for treatment of diseased pulp chamber and pulp canals, where Hospitalization is not required.
	Prosthodontics	<p>Removable: Complete or partial dentures including six months follow-up care. Additional services include insertion of identification slips, repairs, relines and rebases and treatment of cleft palate.</p> <p>Fixed: Fixed bridges are not covered unless</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Required for replacement of a single upper anterior (central/lateral incisor or cuspid) in a patient with an otherwise full complement of natural, functional and/or restored teeth;</li> <li>2) Required for cleft-palate treatment or stabilization;</li> <li>3) Required, as demonstrated by medical documentation, due to the presence of any neurologic or physiologic condition that would preclude the placement of a removable prosthesis.</li> </ol>

	<p>Orthodontics for severe physically handicapping malocclusions</p>	<p>Prior approval for orthodontia coverage is required. Includes procedures which help to restore oral structures to health and function and to treat serious medical conditions such as cleft palate and cleft lip; maxillary/mandibular micrognathia (underdeveloped upper or lower jaw); extreme mandibular prognathism; severe asymmetry (craniofacial abnormalities); ankylosis of the temporomandibular joint; and other significant skeletal dysplasia.</p> <p>Orthodontic coverage is not covered if the child does not meet the criteria described above.</p> <p>Procedures include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Rapid Palatal Expansion (RPE)</li> <li>⇒ Placement of component parts (e.g. brackets, bands)</li> <li>⇒ Interceptive orthodontic treatment</li> <li>⇒ Comprehensive orthodontic treatment (during which orthodontic appliances have been placed for active treatment and periodically adjusted)</li> <li>⇒ Removable appliance therapy</li> <li>⇒ Orthodontic retention (removal of appliances, construction and placement of retainers)</li> </ul>
<p>NOTE: Refer to the <a href="#">New York State Medicaid Dental Policy and Procedure Code manual</a> for a more detailed description of services.</p>		

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<p><b>Diagnosis and Treatment of an Autism Spectrum Disorder</b></p>	<p>Coverage for the Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders</p>	<p>Includes the following care and assistive communicative devices prescribed or ordered for an individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Behavioral Health treatment;</li> <li>☐ Psychiatric care;</li> <li>☐ Psychological care;</li> <li>☐ Medical care provided by a licensed health care provider;</li> <li>☐ Therapeutic care, including therapeutic care which is deemed habilitative or non-restorative; and</li> <li>☐ Pharmacy care.</li> </ul> <p>Applied behavioral analysis shall be covered. Assistive communication devices shall be covered when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist for members who are unable to communicate through normal means such as speech or in writing. Assistive communication devices such as communication boards and speech-generating devices may be rented or purchased, subject to prior approval. Coverage must include dedicated communication devices, which are devices that generally are not useful to a person in the absence of a communication impairment. Items such as laptops, desktops, or tablet computers are not covered items but software and/or applications that enable a laptop, desktop, or tablet computer to function as a speech-generating device is a covered item.</p>

## **Child Health Plus Benefits Package Exclusions**

### **The following services will NOT be covered:**

- Experimental medical or surgical procedures.
- Experimental drugs.
- Drugs which can be bought without prescription, except as defined.
- Prescription Drugs used for purposes of treating erectile dysfunction.
- Prescription Drugs and biologicals and the administration of these drugs and biologicals that are furnished for the purpose of causing or assisting in causing the death, suicide, euthanasia or mercy killing of a person.
- Private duty nursing.
- Home Health Care, except as defined.
- Care in connection with the detection and correction by manual or mechanical means of structural imbalance, distortion or subluxation in the human body for the purpose of removing nerve interference and the effects thereof, where such interference is the result of or related to distortion, misalignment or subluxation of or in the vertebral column.
- Services in a skilled nursing facility.
- Cosmetic, plastic, or reconstructive surgery, except as defined.
- In vitro fertilization, artificial insemination or other means of conception and infertility services.
- Services covered by another payment source.
- Transportation, except as defined.
- Personal or comfort items.
- Services which are not Medically Necessary.