



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject: Public Notice for Continuous Eligibility

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is amending the State Plan to comply with federal requirements. Section 5512 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA 2023) requires states to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on or before January 1, 2024.

Continuous eligibility is a state plan option, authorized through Section 1902(e)(12) and 42 CFR § 435.926, and Section 2107(e)(1) and 42 CFR § 457.342*. Section 5112 of the CAA, 2023 amends sections 1902(e)(12) and 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to make it mandatory for states to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under age 19 in Medicaid and CHIP.

The proposed effective date for this amendment is September 1, 2023. The Department anticipates a fiscal impact of \$4.07 million total funds per year, with 52.8% (\$2.15 million) coming from federal funds and 47.2% (\$1.92 million) coming from state funds.

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