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July 9, 2026

Lisa Lee  
Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services  
Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
275 East Main Street, 6 West A  
Frankfort, KY 40621

Dear Commissioner Lee:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number KY-25-0001-CHIP, submitted on September 5, 2025, with additional information received on July 6, 2026, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Through SPA KY-25-0001-CHIP, Kentucky revises the strategic objectives and performance goals in section 9 of the CHIP state plan. This SPA also removes outdated strategic objectives and performance goals from the state plan that the state no longer includes in the CHIP Annual Report. The state establishes the following new objectives for which the state will measure progress on a number of corresponding performance goals:

- Reduce the number of uninsured children.
- Increase access to care for maternal health.
- Enhance postpartum care.
- Decrease the number of babies born preterm.
- Reduce the number of maternal mortalities.

To measure progress on these objectives and the corresponding performance goals, the state will use managed care quarterly reports, HEDIS measures, claims data, American Community Survey data, and the March of Dimes Report Card.

Your title XXI project officer is Joshua Bougie. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters and can be reached at [Joshua.Bougie@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Joshua.Bougie@cms.hhs.gov).

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If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Beth Hance, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-4299. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jessica" and last name "Stephens" clearly legible.

Jessica Stephens  
Acting Director