



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

August 17, 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) KY-26-003, submitted on June 15, 2026, has been approved. The effective date for this SPA is January 1, 2026.

Through KY-26-0003, Kentucky demonstrates compliance with section 205 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (CAA, 2024) by modifying CHIP eligibility requirements for the treatment of incarcerated pregnant women. Section 205 of the CAA, 2024, amends section 2102(d)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act to expand the prohibition on terminating eligibility to CHIP-enrolled pregnant women solely because an individual is an inmate of a public institution. Additionally, the state clarifies policies related to a pregnant woman's enrollment in managed care while incarcerated.

Your Project Officer is Joshua Bougie. He is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters and can be reached at Joshua.Bougie@cms.hhs.gov.

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, reading "Jessica Stephens", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jessica Stephens
Acting Director