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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Kristen Challacombe
Interim Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
150 N. 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Interim Director Challacombe:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendments (SPA) AZ-25-0007, submitted on June 24, 2025, and SPA AZ-25-0009, submitted on August 30, 2025, have been approved. The effective date for SPA AZ-25-0007 is August 23, 2024, and the effective date for SPA AZ-25-0009 is July 1, 2025.

Through SPA AZ-25-0007, Arizona removes the premium lock out period, in accordance with 42 CFR 457.570(c). Attached is a copy of the approved CS21 form that should be incorporated into section 8.7 of the approved CHIP state plan. SPA AZ-25-0009 provides the corresponding technical edits in the CHIP state plan to reflect the removal of the premium lock out period.

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

If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Beth Hance, Acting 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, appearing to read "Alice Weiss", is positioned above the typed name.

Alice Weiss
Acting Director
on Behalf of Sarah deLone, Director