

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval Idaho Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24–0015

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of hearing; reconsideration of disapproval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to be held on April 2, 2025, by way of video, or at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104 to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Idaho's Medicaid SPA 24–0015.

DATES: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by March 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin R. Cohen, Presiding Officer, HearingOfficer@cms.hhs.gov, CMS Office of Hearings, 7500 Security Blvd., Mail Stop B1–01–31, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Idaho's Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24–0015, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on October 11, 2024, and disapproved on January 6, 2025. This SPA proposed to elect the option authorized under section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to provide continuous Medicaid coverage to pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries for the duration of their pregnancies and through the last day of the month in which the 12-month period (beginning on the last day of their pregnancies) ends. Idaho additionally proposed in the SPA to exclude from its scope individuals whose pregnancies end due to abortions “that are not in accordance with Idaho Code 18–622.”

The issues to be considered at the hearing are whether Idaho's SPA 24–0015 is inconsistent with the requirements of section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act (the Act), which provides that, in states that elect the extended postpartum coverage option, the state plan must provide continuous Medicaid coverage to all individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid while pregnant, from the beginning of their

pregnancy (or initial enrollment, if already pregnant at that time) through the end of the 12th month following the date their pregnancy ends.

Section 1116 of the Act and federal regulations at 42 CFR part 430 establish Department procedures that provide an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a state plan or plan amendment. CMS is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a copy of the notice to a state Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing, and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the state Medicaid agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any individual or group seeking to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization seeking to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants. Please file any petitions to participate as a party or any *amicus curiae* petitions by electronic mail at HearingOfficer@cms.hhs.gov.

The notice to Idaho announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA 24–0015 reads as follows:

Alex J. Adams
Director
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
450 West State Street, 10th Floor, P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720–0036

Dear Alex J. Adams:

I am responding to the January 20, 2025, request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove Idaho's State Plan amendment (SPA) 24–0015. Idaho SPA 24–0015 was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on October 11, 2024, and disapproved on January 6, 2025. I am scheduling a hearing on the request for reconsideration to be held on April 2, 2025, by way of a video hearing or at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104.

I am designating Mr. Benjamin R. Cohen as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact Mr. Cohen at HearingOfficer@cms.hhs.gov. In order to facilitate any communication that may be necessary between the parties prior to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer at HearingOfficer@cms.hhs.gov to

indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled, whether you will participate in person or by way of video and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. If the hearing date is not acceptable, Mr. Cohen can set another date mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed by federal regulations at 42 CFR part 430.

Idaho SPA 24–0015 proposed to elect the option authorized under section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to provide continuous Medicaid coverage to pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries for the duration of their pregnancies and through the last day of the month in which the 12-month period (beginning on the last day of their pregnancies) ends. Idaho additionally proposed in the SPA to exclude from its scope individuals 4–4–5 whose pregnancies end due to abortions “that are not in accordance with Idaho Code 18–622.”

CMS disapproved Idaho SPA 24–0015 because this exclusion is not authorized under section 1902(e)(16) of the Act. As CMS explained in our disapproval letter dated January 6, 2025, under the extended postpartum coverage option at section 1902(e)(16) of the Act, in any state that has elected the option, individuals are entitled to the extended postpartum coverage regardless of the reason their pregnancy ends. CMS referenced in the disapproval letter the CMS state health official (SHO) letter, which explains that “under the extended postpartum option, individuals are entitled to the extended postpartum option regardless of the reason a pregnancy ends.”¹

The issue to be considered at the hearing is whether Idaho SPA 24–0015 is inconsistent with the requirements of section 1902(e)(16) of the Act, which provides that, in states that elect the extended postpartum coverage option, the state plan must provide continuous Medicaid coverage to all individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid while pregnant, from the beginning of their pregnancy (or initial enrollment, if already pregnant at that time) through the end of the 12th month following the date their pregnancy ends.

Subsequent to the completion of the hearing, all parties will be served with a copy of recommended findings and a proposed decision. The parties will then have 20 days to file exceptions to the recommended findings and proposed decision. I am required to issue a final decision within 60 days of the date the proposed decision was served.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Carlton, *Acting Administrator*.

cc: Benjamin R. Cohen

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1316); 42 CFR 430.18 (Assistance Listing Number 93.778, Grants to States for Medicaid.)

¹ CMS SHO 21–007, “Improving Maternal Health and Extending Postpartum Coverage in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP),” SHO 21–007 (December 7, 2021), page 3, available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho21007.pdf>.

The Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Stephanie Carlton, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Vanessa Garcia, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Vanessa Garcia,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: New or modified Base (1-percent annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations) as shown on the indicated Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for each of the communities listed in the table below are finalized. Each LOMR revises the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and in some cases the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports,

currently in effect for the listed communities.

DATES: Each LOMR was finalized as in the table below.

ADDRESSES: Each LOMR is available for inspection at both the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the table below and online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibt, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibt@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final flood hazard determinations as shown in the LOMRs for each community listed in the table below. Notice of these modified flood hazard determinations has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

The modified flood hazard determinations are made pursuant to section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

The currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The new or modified flood hazard information is the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

This new or modified flood hazard information, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities.

This new or modified flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP. The changes in flood hazard determinations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the final flood hazard information available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Kristin E Fontenot,

Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Arizona:					
Gila (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Globe (24-09-0443P).	The Honorable Al Gameros, Mayor, City of Globe, 150 North Pine Street, Globe, AZ 85501.	City Hall, 150 North Pine Street, Globe, AZ 85501.	Dec. 26, 2024	040029
Navajo (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Town of Pinetop-Lakeside (23-09-1093P).	The Honorable Stephanie Irwin, Mayor, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, 325 West White Mountain Boulevard, Lakeside, AZ 85929.	Town Hall, 325 West White Mountain Boulevard, Lakeside, AZ 85929.	Jan. 9, 2025	040127
California:					
Los Angeles (FEMA Docket No.: B-2462).	City of Los Angeles (24-09-0592P).	The Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.	Department of Public Works, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 810, Los Angeles, CA 90015.	Dec. 27, 2024	060137
Los Angeles (FEMA Docket No.: B-2462).	Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (24-09-0592P).	Lindsey Horvath, Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 821, Los Angeles, CA 90012.	Los Angeles County Watershed Management Department, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803.	Dec. 27, 2024	065043
Colorado:					
Arapahoe (FEMA Docket No.: B-2462).	City of Aurora (23-08-0489P).	The Honorable Mike Coffman, Mayor, City of Aurora, 15151 East Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012.	Public Works Department, 15151 East Alameda Parkway, Suite 3200, Aurora, CO 80012.	Dec. 20, 2024	080002
Arapahoe (FEMA Docket No.: B-2462).	Unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County (23-08-0489P).	Carrie Warren-Gully, Chair, Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners, 5334 South Prince Street, Littleton, CO 80120.	Arapahoe County Public Works and Development Department, 6924 South Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112.	Dec. 20, 2024	080011