

CY 2023 SPA SUBMISSIONS
MMAC Report: September
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STATE PLAN AMENDMENT	SECTION/ PG IMPACTED	PURPOSE	SUBMITTED TO CMS	APPROVED
23-0001 CHIP HSI – Lead		This amendment will be used to combat factors in the home that contribute to asthma and elevated blood lead levels in low-income children by aligning with CDC recommendations for elevated blood lead levels (BLL) by reducing the blood lead reference value (BLRV) from 5 µg/dL to 3.5 µg/dL, and by expanding the service area for Program #2 to additional jurisdictions.	5/16/2023	Approved 8/10/23 7/1/23 effective date
23-0009 DDA TCM	4.19B pg. 42-44	This SPA implements a one-time 4% rate increase, for the Developmental Disabilities Administration Targeted Case Management (DDA TCM) program.	7/11/2023	Approved 8/14/23 7/1/23 effective date
23-0010 EID Expansion	Att. 2.6A pgs. 12d, e, and Supp 8b to 2.6A pg 5	This SPA expands the eligibility population for Employed Individuals with Disabilities by removing the income standard; it also alters the application of the resource standard and adds independence accounts that a participant may designate and have disregarded from resources. Additionally, it establishes three new premium tiers for higher-income participants.	7/10/2023	<i>*Requesting</i> 1/1/23 effective date
23-0002 CHIP HIS Unborn Child Option		This amendment will be used to create a separate CHIP program to cover prenatal coverage for the targeted low income unborn children (pregnant individuals) with income up to 259% of the FPL, and who would be eligible to receive Medicaid benefits except for immigration status requirements.	6/16/2023	Approved 9/8/23 7/1/23 effective date
23-0011 Nursing Facilities Rate Increase	Att. 4.19D Pg. 1	This SPA implements a one-time 4% rate increase, provided through the Maryland budget bill, for the Nursing Facilities Program.	8/1/2023	Approved 9/1/23 7/1/23 effective date
23-0012 CFC	Att. 3.1K Pg. 1-23 Att. 4.19B Pg. 51-	The Department is amending the State Plan to include a self-directed model for some Community First Choice (CFC) services, implement	8/1/2023	<i>*Requesting</i>

	52	changes to the current Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements for CFC and better align the State Plan with current practice regarding CFC covered services, limitations and the program's quality improvement strategy.		<i>7/1/23 effective date</i>
23-0013 DMS/DME	Att. 4.19B pg. 36, 36-1	Reimbursement rate language update	8/1/2023	<i>*Requesting 7/1/23 effective date</i>
23-0014 CPAS	Att. 3.1A pg. 31-C- 1 – 31-C-19	The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is submitting an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include a self-directed model for personal assistance for the Community Personal Assistance Services (CPAS) program.	8/25/2023	<i>*Requesting 7/1/23 effective date</i>
23-0015 Update to PACE	Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1A pg. 11F Att. 3.1A pg. 19c	This SPA modifies the language describing the rate categories for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by removing the QMB rates in the rate setting methodology. This change does not fundamentally change the formula for rate calculation.	8/28/2023	<i>Approved 9/8/23 7/1/23 effective date</i>
23-0016 Continuous Eligibility	MACPro	This SPA will comply with federal requirements under section 5512 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA 2023) to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).	8/25/2023	<i>*Requesting 9/1/23 effective date</i>
23-0018 1915i	Att. 4.19B pg. 54- 60	This SPA implements the 3% rate increase for the 1915i program through the Maryland Budget Bill.	8/28/2023	<i>*Requesting 7/1/23 effective date</i>