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- Whether New York has demonstrated that SPA #10 is consistent with the requirements in section 2102(a) to identify and enroll all uncovered children who are eligible to participate in public health insurance programs, to ensure that the SCHIP program is coordinated with those efforts, and to have effective outreach procedures;

- Whether the State has met the requirements to have reasonable procedures in place to ensure that health benefits coverage provided under the State plan does not substitute for coverage provided under group health plans, consistent with section 2102(b)(3)(C) of the Act, as implemented by 42 CFR 457.805. For family income eligibility levels higher than 250 percent of the FPL, the preamble to that regulatory provision indicated that States would need to have specific procedures in place, and later the August 17, 2007, State Health Officials' Letter further articulated the procedures that CMS would consider reasonable. SPA #10 did not include those specific procedures (including a period of uninsurance of at least 1 year, and cost sharing comparable to competing private plans subject to the overall 5 percent family cap).

Section 1116 of the Act and Federal regulations at 42 CFR 457.204 and 42 CFR part 430, subpart D, 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 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 agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice.

Any individual or group that wants 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 that wants 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.

The notice to New York announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. Deborah Bachrach, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Health Insurance Programs, State of New York, Department of Health, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237.

Dear Ms. Bachrach:

I am responding to your request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove the New York State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State Child Health Plan Amendment (SPA) #10, which was submitted on April 12, 2007, with additional information submitted on May 9, 2007, and August 27, 2007, and disapproved on September 7, 2007.

This SPA would have increased the financial eligibility standard for the State's separate SCHIP from the current effective family income eligibility level at or below 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to an effective family income eligibility level at or below 400 percent of the FPL. The SPA also would have imposed a 6-month waiting period from the date of last insurance coverage for children with family incomes above 250 percent of the FPL, with certain listed exceptions.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) disapproved the SPA because it would result in a child health plan that did not comport with the requirements of sections 2101(a), 2102(a), and 2102(b)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act). These requirements provide that funding must be used to provide coverage to uninsured, low-income children in an effective and efficient manner that is coordinated with other sources of health benefits coverage, that the State plan includes effective outreach procedures to enroll all eligible uninsured children, and that the coverage made available does not merely substitute for private coverage. This disapproval is also consistent with the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials clarifying how CMS believes these existing statutory requirements should be applied by all States expanding SCHIP effective eligibility levels above 250 percent of the FPL.

The following will be at issue at the hearing:

- Whether the State has demonstrated that SPA #10 is consistent with the requirement in section 2101(a) of the Act for effective and efficient program operation. SPA #10 would require that the State devote limited SCHIP funding to children with higher effective family incomes when the program has not enrolled substantially all of the core population of targeted low-income children with family incomes below 200 percent of the FPL;

- Whether New York has demonstrated that SPA #10 is consistent with the requirements in section 2102(a) to identify and enroll all uncovered children who are eligible to participate in public health insurance programs, to ensure that the SCHIP program is coordinated with those efforts, and to have effective outreach procedures;

- Whether the State has met the requirements to have reasonable procedures in place to ensure that health benefits coverage provided under the State plan do not substitute for coverage provided under group health plans, consistent with section

2102(b)(3)(C) of the Act, as implemented by Federal regulations at 42 CFR 457.805. For family income eligibility levels higher than 250 percent of the FPL, the preamble to that regulatory provision indicated that States would need to have specific procedures in place, and later the August 17, 2007, State Health Officials' Letter further articulated the procedures that CMS would consider reasonable. SPA #10 did not include those specific procedures (including a period of uninsurance of at least 1 year, and cost sharing comparable to competing private plans subject to the overall 5 percent family cap).

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on January 16, 2008, at the CMS New York Regional Office, 38-110A, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278, to reconsider the decision to disapprove SCHIP SPA #10. If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed by Federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 430, Subpart D.

I am designating Ms. Kathleen Scully-Hayes as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer at (410) 786-2055. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Weems,  
*Acting Administrator.*

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act  
(42 U.S.C. 1316); 42 CFR 457.203)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)

Dated: November 30, 2007.

**Kerry Weems,**

*Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Office of Community Services

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of standing program announcement for the Assets for Independence (AFI) Program (HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053).

*CFDA#:* 93.602.

*Legislative Authority:* The Assets for Independence Act (Title IV of the

Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Act of 1998, as amended, Pub. L. 105-285, 42 U.S.C. 604 note).  
**SUMMARY:** This notice cancels the standing program announcement for the Assets for Independence (AFI) Program (HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053) that was published in the **Federal Register** on February 2, 2005.

A new standing program announcement for the AFI program will be published at the Administration for Children and Families' Grant Opportunities Web page at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/index.html>. The new standing program announcement and application package will also be available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Interested parties should register with [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) to receive e-mail alerts announcing publication, application due dates, and application requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Gatz, Program Manager, Assets for Independence Program, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20047. Telephone: (202) 401-5284. E-mail: [AFIPProgram@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:AFIPProgram@acf.hhs.gov).

Dated: December 3, 2007.

**Josephine B. Robinson,**

*Director, Office of Community Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 30-day notice and request for comments; Revision of a currently approved collection, OMB Number 1660-0004, FEMA Form 81-64.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by

respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* Application for Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0004.

*Abstract:* The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides flood insurance to communities that apply for participation and make a commitment to adopt and enforce land use control measures that are designed to protect development from future flood damages. The application form will enable FEMA to continue to rapidly process new community applications and to thereby more quickly provide flood insurance protection to the residents of the communities. Participation in the NFIP is mandatory in order for flood related presidentially-declared communities to receive Federal disaster assistance.

*Affected Public:* Federal, State, local, or Tribal Governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 187.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 748 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On Occasion.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, *Attention:* Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974. Comments must be submitted on or before January 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 609, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

Dated: November 29, 2007.

**John A. Sharets-Sullivan,**

*Director, Records Management Division, Office of Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 30-day notice and request for comments; Revision of a currently approved collection, OMB Number 1660-0013.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* Exemption of State-Owned Properties Under Self-Insurance.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0013.

*Abstract:* Application for exemption is made to the Federal Insurance Administration by the Governor or other duly authorized documentation, which certifies that the plan of self-insurance upon which the application for exemption is based meets or exceeds the standards set forth in 44 CFR 75.11.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 100 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, *Attention:* Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974. Comments must be submitted on or before January 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, Mail Drop