day period following termination of pregnancy ends.

(b) A State plan must specify that eligible aliens as defined in §§435.406(a) and 436.406(a) of this subchapter will receive at least the services provided in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(c) A State plan must specify that aliens defined in §§435.406(b), 435.406(c), 436.406(b) and 436.406(c) of this subchapter will only be provided the limited services specified in §440.255.

§440.225 Optional services.

Any of the services defined in subpart A of this part that are not required under §§440.210 and 440.220 may be furnished under the State plan at the State’s option.

§440.230 Sufficiency of amount, duration, and scope.

(a) The plan must specify the amount, duration, and scope of each service that it provides for—

(1) The categorically needy; and

(2) Each covered group of medically needy.

(b) Each service must be sufficient in amount, duration, and scope to reasonably achieve its purpose.

(c) The Medicaid agency may not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration, or scope of a required service under §§440.210 and 440.220 to an otherwise eligible beneficiary solely because of the diagnosis, type of illness, or condition.

(d) The agency may place appropriate limits on a service based on such criteria as medical necessity or on utilization control procedures.

§440.240 Comparability of services for groups.

Except as limited in §440.250—

(a) The plan must provide that the services available to any categorically needy beneficiary under the plan are not less in amount, duration, and scope than those services available to a medically needy beneficiary; and

(b) The plan must provide that the services available to any individual in the following groups are equal in amount, duration, and scope for all beneficiaries within the group:

(1) The categorically needy.

(2) A covered medically needy group.

§440.250 Limits on comparability of services.

(a) Skilled nursing facility services (§440.40(a)) may be limited to beneficiaries age 21 or older.

(b) Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (§440.40(b)) must be limited to beneficiaries under age 21.

(c) Family planning services and supplies must be limited to beneficiaries of childbearing age, including minors who can be considered sexually active and who desire the services and supplies.

(d) If covered under the plan, services to beneficiaries in institutions for mental diseases (§440.140) must be limited to those age 65 or older.

(e) If covered under the plan, inpatient psychiatric services (§440.160) must be limited to beneficiaries under age 22 as specified in §441.151(c) of this subchapter.

(f) If Medicare benefits under Part B of title XVIII are made available to beneficiaries through a buy-in agreement or payment of premiums, or part or all of the deductibles, cost sharing or similar charges, they may be limited to beneficiaries who are covered by the agreement or payment.

(g) If services in addition to those offered under the plan are made available under a contract between the agency or political subdivision and an organization providing comprehensive health services, those additional services may be limited to beneficiaries who reside in the geographic area served by the contracting organization and who elect to receive services from it.

(h) Ambulatory services for the medically needy (§440.220(a)(2)) may be limited to:

(1) Individuals under age 18; and

(2) Groups of individuals entitled to institutional services.

(i) Services provided under an exception to requirements allowed under