

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures; Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and Aid to Needy Aged, Blind, or Disabled Persons for October 1, 2020 Through September 30, 2021

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the calculated Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) rates, in accordance with sections 1101(a)(8) and 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act), that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will use in determining the amount of Federal matching for state medical assistance (Medicaid), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Contingency Funds, Child Support Enforcement collections, Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund, Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance payments, Adoption Assistance payments and Kinship Guardianship Assistance payments, and the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (eFMAP) rates for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expenditures.

DATES: The percentages listed in Table 1 of this notice will be effective for each of the four quarter-year periods beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Conmy, Office of Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 447D—Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-6870.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FMAP, Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages eFMAP, and disaster-recovery FMAP adjustments for Fiscal Year 2021 have been calculated pursuant to the Act. These percentages will be effective from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Table 1 gives figures for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This notice reminds states of adjustments available for states meeting requirements for disproportionate employer pension or insurance fund contributions and adjustments for disaster recovery. At this time, no state qualifies for such adjustments, and territories are not eligible.

This notice also contains the increased eFMAPs for CHIP as authorized under section 2705(b) of the Act, as amended by the HEALTHY KIDS Act of 2017, for fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021).

Programs under title XIX of the Act exist in each jurisdiction. Programs under titles I, X, and XIV operate only in Guam and the Virgin Islands. The percentages in this notice apply to state expenditures for most medical assistance and child health assistance, and assistance payments for certain social services. The Act provides separately for Federal matching of administrative costs.

Sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act) require the Secretary of HHS to publish the FMAP rates each year. The Secretary calculates the percentages, using formulas in sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8), and calculations by the Department of Commerce of average income per person in each state and for the United States (meaning, for this purpose, the fifty states and the District of Columbia). The percentages must fall within the upper and lower limits specified in section 1905(b) of the Act. The percentages for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are specified in statute, and thus are not based on the statutory formula that determines the percentages for the 50 states.

Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)

Section 1905(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating FMAPs as the Federal medical assistance percentage" for any state shall be 100 per centum less the state percentage; and the state percentage shall be that percentage which bears the same ratio to 45 per centum as the square of the per capita income of such state bears to the square of the per capita income of the continental United States (including Alaska) and Hawaii; except that the Federal medical assistance percentage shall in no case be less than 50 per centum or more than 83 per centum.

Section 1905(b) further specifies that the FMAP for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa shall be 55 percent. Section 4725(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended section 1905(b) to provide that the FMAP for the District of Columbia, for purposes of titles XIX and XXI, shall be 70 percent. For the District of Columbia, we note under Table 1 that other rates

may apply in certain other programs. In addition, we note the rate that applies for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in certain other programs pursuant to section 1118 of the Act. The rates for the States, District of Columbia and the territories are displayed in Table 1, Column 1.

Section 1905(y) of the Act, as added by section 2001 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("Affordable Care Act") (Pub. L. 111-148), provides for a significant increase in the FMAP for medical assistance expenditures for newly eligible individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act, as added by the Affordable Care Act (the new adult group); "newly eligible" is defined in section 1905(y)(2)(A) of the Act. The FMAP for the new adult group is 100 percent for Calendar Years 2014, 2015, and 2016, gradually declining to 90 percent in 2020, where it remains indefinitely. In addition, section 1905(z) of the Act, as added by section 10201 of the Affordable Care Act, provides that states that offered substantial health coverage to certain low-income parents and nonpregnant, childless adults on the date of enactment of the Affordable Care Act, referred to as "expansion states," shall receive an enhanced FMAP beginning in 2014 for medical assistance expenditures for nonpregnant childless adults who may be required to enroll in benchmark coverage under section 1937 of the Act. These provisions are discussed in more detail in the Medicaid Program: Eligibility Changes Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010 proposed rule published on August 17, 2011 (76 FR 51148, 51172) and the final rule published on March 23, 2012 (77 FR 17144, 17194). This notice is not intended to set forth the matching rates for the new adult group as specified in section 1905(y) of the Act or the matching rates for nonpregnant, childless adults in expansion states as specified in section 1905(z) of the Act.

Other Adjustments to the FMAP

For purposes of Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), defined in section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act, for each state beginning with fiscal year 2006, can be subject to an adjustment pursuant to section 614 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), Public Law 111-3. Section 614 of CHIPRA stipulates that a state's FMAP under Title XIX (Medicaid) must be adjusted in two situations.

In the first situation, if a state experiences no growth or positive growth in total personal income and an employer in that state has made a significantly disproportionate contribution to an employer pension or insurance fund, the state's FMAP must be adjusted. The adjustment involves disregarding the significantly disproportionate employer pension or insurance fund contribution in computing the per capita income for the state (but not in computing the per capita income for the United States). Employer pension and insurance fund contributions are significantly disproportionate if the increase in contributions exceeds 25 percent of the total increase in personal income in that state. A **Federal Register** notice with comment period was published on June 7, 2010 (75 FR 32182) announcing the methodology for calculating this adjustment; a final notice was published on October 15, 2010 (75 FR 63480).

The second situation arises if a state experiences negative growth in total personal income. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2006, section 614(b)(3) of CHIPRA specifies that, for the purposes of calculating the FMAP for a calendar year in which a state's total personal income has declined, the portion of an employer pension or insurance fund contribution that exceeds 125 percent of the amount of such contribution in the previous calendar year shall be disregarded in computing the per capita

income for the state (but not in computing the per capita income for the United States).

No Federal source of reliable and timely data on pension and insurance contributions by individual employers and states is currently available. We request that states report employer pension or insurance fund contributions to help determine potential FMAP adjustments for states experiencing significantly disproportionate pension or insurance contributions and states experiencing a negative growth in total personal income. See also the information described in the January 21, 2014 **Federal Register** notice (79 FR 3385).

Section 2006 of the Affordable Care Act provides a special adjustment to the FMAP for certain states recovering from a major disaster. This notice does not contain an FY 2021 adjustment for a major statewide disaster for any state (territories are not eligible for FMAP adjustments) because no state had a recent major statewide disaster and had its FMAP decreased by at least three percentage points from FY 2019 to FY 2020. See information described in the December 22, 2010 **Federal Register** notice (75 FR 80501).

Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) for CHIP

Section 2105(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating the eFMAP rates as the "enhanced FMAP", for a

state for a fiscal year, is equal to the Federal medical assistance percentage (as defined in the first sentence of section 1905(b)) for the state increased by a number of percentage points equal to 30 percent of the number of percentage points by which (1) such Federal medical assistance percentage for the state, is less than (2) 100 percent; but in no case shall the enhanced FMAP for a state exceed 85 percent.

The eFMAP rates are used in the Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI, and in the Medicaid program for expenditures for medical assistance provided to certain children as described in sections 1905(u)(2) and 1905(u)(3) of the Act. There is no specific requirement to publish the eFMAP rates. We include them in this notice for the convenience of the states (Table 1, Column 2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.558: TANF Contingency Funds; 93.563: Child Support Enforcement; 93.596: Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund; 93.658: Foster Care Title IV-E; 93.659: Adoption Assistance; 93.769: Ticket-to-Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) Demonstrations to Maintain Independence and Employment; 93.778: Medical Assistance Program; 93.767: Children's Health Insurance Program)

Dated: November 27, 2019.

Alex M. Azar II,
Secretary.

TABLE 1—FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES AND ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020–SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

[Fiscal year 2021]

| State | Federal medical assistance percentages | Enhanced federal medical assistance percentages |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Alabama | 72.58 | 80.81 |
| Alaska | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| American Samoa | 55.00 | 68.50 |
| Arizona | 70.01 | 79.01 |
| Arkansas | 71.23 | 79.86 |
| California | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Colorado | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Connecticut | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Delaware | 57.74 | 70.42 |
| District of Columbia | 70.00 | 79.00 |
| Florida | 61.96 | 73.37 |
| Georgia | 67.03 | 76.92 |
| Guam | 55.00 | 68.50 |
| Hawaii | 53.02 | 67.11 |
| Idaho | 70.41 | 79.29 |
| Illinois | 50.96 | 65.67 |
| Indiana | 65.83 | 76.08 |
| Iowa | 61.75 | 73.23 |
| Kansas | 59.68 | 71.78 |
| Kentucky | 72.05 | 80.44 |
| Louisiana | 67.42 | 77.19 |
| Maine | 63.69 | 74.58 |
| Maryland | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Massachusetts | 50.00 | 65.00 |

TABLE 1—FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES AND ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020–SEPTEMBER 30, 2021—Continued

[Fiscal year 2021]

| State | Federal medical assistance percentages | Enhanced federal medical assistance percentages |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Michigan | 64.08 | 74.86 |
| Minnesota | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Mississippi | 77.76 | 84.43 |
| Missouri | 64.96 | 75.47 |
| Montana | 65.60 | 75.92 |
| Nebraska | 56.47 | 69.53 |
| Nevada | 63.30 | 74.31 |
| New Hampshire | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| New Jersey | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| New Mexico | 73.46 | 81.42 |
| New York | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| North Carolina | 67.40 | 77.18 |
| North Dakota | 52.40 | 66.68 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 55.00 | 68.50 |
| Ohio | 63.63 | 74.54 |
| Oklahoma | 67.99 | 77.59 |
| Oregon | 60.84 | 72.59 |
| Pennsylvania | 52.20 | 66.54 |
| Puerto Rico | 55.00 | 68.50 |
| Rhode Island | 54.09 | 67.86 |
| South Carolina | 70.63 | 79.44 |
| South Dakota | 58.28 | 70.80 |
| Tennessee | 66.10 | 76.27 |
| Texas | 61.81 | 73.27 |
| Utah | 67.52 | 77.26 |
| Vermont | 54.57 | 68.20 |
| Virgin Islands | 55.00 | 68.50 |
| Virginia | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| Washington | 50.00 | 65.00 |
| West Virginia | 74.99 | 82.49 |
| Wisconsin | 59.37 | 71.56 |
| Wyoming | 50.00 | 65.00 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Research Misconduct; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS

ACTION: Correction of notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects errors that appeared in the notice published in the November 14, 2019, **Federal Register** entitled “Findings of Research Misconduct.”

DATES:

Correction Date: December 3, 2019.

Applicability Date: The correction notice is applicable for the Findings of Research Misconduct notice published on November 14, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Gorirossi or Dr. Alexander Runko at 240–453–8800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 2019–24715 of November 14, 2019 (84 FR 61916–61917), there were errors involving incorrect grant numbers affecting the first paragraph of the **SUMMARY** section and the second paragraph of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The errors are identified and corrected in the Correction of Errors section below.

II. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 2019–24715 of November 14, 2019 (84 FR 61916–61917), make the following corrections:

1. On page 61916, first column, in FR Doc. 2019–24715, **SUMMARY** section, first paragraph, lines 20–21, and page 61916, Supplementary Information section, second paragraph, line 18, change “P30 ES003891–25” to “P30 ES003819–25.”

2. On page 61916, **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, second paragraph, lines 20–21, delete “NCI, NIH, grant R01 CA122737–01A2.”

Dated: November 25, 2019.

Elisabeth A. Handley,

Interim Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee 2020 Schedule

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), HHS.

ACTION: 2020 public meeting dates of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in accordance with section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The HITAC, among other things, identifies priorities for standards adoption and makes recommendations to the National