

LOUISIANA TITLE XXI PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Name of Plan:	LaCHIP
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Date First Amendment Submitted:	June 30, 1999
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Date Third Amendment Submitted:	November 27, 2002
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Background

- On July 31, 1998, Louisiana submitted a proposal to implement a State Children's Health Insurance Program, which expanded Medicaid coverage to uninsured children at least 6 years of age but under 19 years of age in families with incomes at or below 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Amendments

- Louisiana submitted its first State Plan Amendment (SPA) on June 30, 1999, to expand Medicaid coverage to children between birth and up to 19 years of age in families with incomes above 133 percent and at or below 150 percent of the FPL.
- Louisiana submitted its second State plan amendment on December 18, 2000, to further expand Medicaid eligibility to children from birth up to 19 years of age in families with incomes up to 200 percent FPL.
- Louisiana submitted its third State plan amendment on November 22, 2002, to update and amend the SCHIP State plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.

Children Covered Under the Program

- The State reported that a total of 87,665 children were ever enrolled in LaCHIP in Federal fiscal year 2001.

Administration

- The program is administered by the State Department of Health and Hospitals.

Health Care Delivery System

- The State uses its current Medicaid delivery system (Fee For Service and Primary Care Case Management) to provide services to the expansion population.

Benefit Package

- The State offers its standard Medicaid package to persons eligible for LaCHIP.

Cost Sharing

- There is no cost sharing.

Outreach Activities

- The State launched an outreach program with the following key messages: 1) applying for LaCHIP is easy; 2) preventive health care is important; 3) health insurance is available to thousands of currently enrolled children under age 19 in Louisiana; 4) children in working families and two-parent households can be eligible for LaCHIP; and, 5) help with the enrollment process is readily available.
- The State utilizes a number of mechanisms to identify and enroll eligible children in the health care system. The measures include:
 - Employing posters, brochures, presentations, public service announcements, and television ads to target audiences of potentially eligible families and children.
 - Coordinating with the Office of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, to conduct outreach in WIC Clinics, School Based Health Clinics and Children's Special Health Services Clinics.

- The State continues to market the program to increase awareness of LACHIP among specific audiences including adolescents, and their parents; low-income working parents; immigrants and limited English proficient individuals; grandparents and other kin care givers; current and former Families Independence-Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients; homeless or at risk of homelessness; children with special needs; Native Americans; migrant children; lower Mississippi delta region and other rural residents.

Financial Information

Total FFY '03 SCHIP Allotment – \$61,290,629

FFY '03 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate – 79.90%

FFY 2003

State Share -- \$8,178,536

Federal Share -- \$31,160,261

Total --- \$39,338,797

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