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Answers to Questions for Section 4

Question 1: While the state included the information requested in question 1 in Attachment 3 the state plan amendment, we are revising the following sections of the state plan to read as follows:

4.1.3. Income: Eligible children are from families whose gross annual income and assets are To be eligible, a child must be from a family whose gross annual income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. Income includes all employment, self employment, and unearned income, with the following exceptions:

- A. College grants and scholarships;
- B. Grants from non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable foundations specifically for cost sharing;
- C. Child support and foster care payments;
- D. Food stamps and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) payments;
- E. Assistance provided by non-profit organizations, if the assistance is need-based (e.g. the cost of meals at a soup kitchen)
- F. Settlements;
- G. Stipends;
- H. College loans;
- I. Medical care provided for free or if a third party made the payments;
- J. Payments by a credit life or disability insurance;
- K. Proceeds of a loan;
- L. Disaster relief assistance;
- M. Tax refunds;
- N. Moving expenses paid by employer for relocation; and
- O. Income of children less than 18 years of age.

The following are allowable deductions to income:

- A. Day and elder care expenses;
- B. Expenses for medical services, prescriptions or durable medical equipment;
- C. Child support payments;
- D. Alimony payments; and
- E. Health insurance premiums.

Family size and income criteria are described in Attachment 3.

Question 2: See attached revision to budget schedule.

Question 3: The following revision to Section 4.1.5 makes clarifications to reflect the committee's questions:

4.1.5. Residency: A resident is anyone who is: 1) a **U.S.** citizen; or 2) a documented legal immigrant; or 3) a migrant worker; and a resident of Colorado. The State intends to use the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to verify immigration status. The state accepts self-declaration of residency. Residency criteria are described in Attachment 5.

Answers to Questions for Section 8

Question 4: The correct version was submitted in hard copy. The state has since sent the correct electronic version on January 31, 2001.

Question 5: In our response dated July 15, 1999, the state replied on page 6:

"We have been asked by Cindy Shirk to provide HCFA with a plan for changing the ER premium for enrollees under 100 percent of poverty from \$5 to \$3. We would like to again take the opportunity to voice our disapproval of this policy. A major goal of this program is to encourage families to have a medical home and seek regular care from a primary care physician. Colorado providers would always provide emergency care in an emergency room regardless of ability to pay. The copayment policy creates a disincentive for families to seek care through a primary care physician. However, we agree to comply with HCFA's ruling ... We expect this process to take four months from written notice by HCFA."

The state was expecting written confirmation informing the state that HCFA was requiring the state to limit copayments for emergency services for children under 100 percent of the federal poverty to \$3. Therefore, this has not yet been implemented. However, the state will modify its provider contracts to require implementation of this provision starting July 1, 2001.

Questions 6, 7 and 8: The state will contact HCFA officials to discuss these complex issues.

Question 9: The following revision to Section 4.1.5 makes clarifications to reflect the committee's questions:

When applications are received without an HMO selection, eligibility technicians attempt to contact the family to facilitate selection. If the technician cannot contact the family, the child is assigned an MCO through a random selection process and a letter is sent to the family. The family must either accept the assignment or make a different selection in order to be enrolled in CHP+. However, if the family fails to accept the assignment or make a different selection, the application will be denied.

Question 10: The state will accept other appropriate forms of documentation.

Question 11: The family is instructed to notify the central eligibility and enrollment contractor when they meet the **5%** limit.

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