



**Center for Medicaid and State Operations**  
**Family and Children's Health Program Group**  
**Division of State Children's Health Insurance**

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Request for additional information regarding Vermont's SPA #5, increase in cost sharing.

1. A one-year budget that includes associated cost sharing changes. If possible, please use the budget template (Excel spreadsheet) that was sent via email attachment on August 19, 2003.
2. Section 9.9.2 indicates that the State uses the same public notification for SCHIP as it use for promulgating public policy under Vermont's Administrative Procedures Act. Please add a paragraph that certifies that the prior public notice for this cost sharing SPA, that CMS received August 15, 2003, was consistent with Vermont's APA and that the public notice was published prior to the requested effective date (July1, 2003). This would make it consistent with the SCHIP regulation at §457.65(c).
3. At section 8.2.1, please clarify that; (1) this premium is a fixed program fee regardless of family size, (2) children in families with incomes from 185 percent of the FPL up to 225 percent of the FPL are Medicaid eligible and, (3) children at or above 225 percent of the FPL and up to 300 percent of the FPL are SCHIP eligible children.

Thank you,

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