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Subject: RE: Follow-up Information Item#64 from the first DMS Session (#3)

Good Afternoon Kevin:

Representatives Nordgren (Item#64) “Provide a history of rate increases for the Child Health Insurance Program (7051)”.

This question came up in the context of the federal poverty income eligibility levels evolving over time up to the present day 323% FPL for the EXPANDED CHILDREN ELIGIBILITY GROUP.

I believe the Representative was interested in the timeline and levels of NH’s income eligibility (FPLs) changes for covering children under the Medicaid program.

1998 – 12/2013 (Pre-ACA) the FPLs were:

Healthy Kids Gold/Children’s Medicaid (Title XIX)

- Children aged 0 to 1 with income greater than **185% but less than or equal to 300% FPL** (Title XXI funded & enrolled in Medicaid);
- Children aged 0 through 18 (under age 19) with income **less than or equal to 185% FPL** (Title XIX funded & enrolled in Medicaid).

Healthy Kids Silver/Children’s **Expanded** (title XXI)

- Children aged 1 through 18 (under age 19) with income greater than **185% but less than or equal to 300% of FPL** were potentially eligible for medical insurance subsidized by the Department. (Families paid a low premium and the Department subsidized the balance)

January 1, 2014 – Present (Post-ACA) the FPLs are:

Children’s Medicaid (Title XIX):

- Children aged 0 through 18 (under age 19) with income **less than or equal to 196% FPL** .

Children’s **Expanded** (Title XXI):

Children aged 0 through 18 (under age 19) with income greater than **196% but less than or equal to 318%**; if over income the federal regulations allow a 5% FPL income disregard, making **the effective income standard 323% FPL.**

Please let me know if there are further questions.

Thank you

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