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August 3, 2015

Mari Cantwell
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-0021-MM1. SPA CA-14-0021-MM1 was submitted to my office on September 9, 2014 to increase the eligibility level for full-scope Medicaid coverage for pregnant women from 60% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to and including 109% of the FPL in California's Medicaid State Plan.

The effective date of this SPA is August 1, 2015. Enclosed are the following approved SPA pages that should be incorporated into your approved State Plan:

- S28, pages 1-5

Please note that nothing in this approval affects the existing corrective action plan associated with predecessor SPA 13-021-MM1 and that the corrective action plan remains in force until all items have been satisfactorily addressed.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young by phone at (415) 744-3598 or by email at cheryl.young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Hye Sun Lee
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Nathaniel Emery, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Alice Mak, California Department of Health Care Services

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: California

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

CA-14-0021

Proposed Effective Date

08/01/2015 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.116

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	0	\$0.00
Second Year		\$0.00

Subject of Amendment

Describes the new consolidated Medicaid eligibility group for Pregnant Women. It provides the criteria under which women may be covered under this group, the income standard to be used, and the choice related to presumptive eligibility. This SPA supersedes the S28 template from TN No. 13-0021-MM1

Governor's Office Review

Governor's office reported no comment

Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

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No reply received within 45 days of submittal

Other, as specified

Describe:

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Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Kathleen Lane

Last Revision Date: Jul 31, 2015

Submit Date: Sep 12, 2014



Medicaid Eligibility

OMB Control Number 0938-1148
OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage Pregnant Women

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42 CFR 435.116
1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) and (IV)
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), (IV) and (IX)
1931(b) and (d)
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Pregnant Women - Women who are pregnant or post-partum, with household income at or below a standard established by the state.

The state attests that it operates this eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must be pregnant or post-partum, as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

Pregnant women in the last trimester of their pregnancy without dependent children are eligible for full benefits under this group in accordance with section 1931 of the Act, if they meet the income standard for state plan Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives at 42 CFR 435.110.

Yes No

MAGI-based income methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to S10 MAGI-Based Income Methodologies, completed by the state.

Income standard used for this group

Minimum income standard (Once entered and approved by CMS, the minimum income standard cannot be changed.)

The state had an income standard higher than 133% FPL established as of December 19, 1989 for determining eligibility for pregnant women, or as of July 1, 1989, had authorizing legislation to do so.

Yes No

Enter the amount of the minimum income standard (no higher than 185% FPL): % FPL

Maximum income standard

The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for pregnant

women to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for pregnant women under this eligibility group.

An attachment is submitted.

The state's maximum income standard for this eligibility group is:

The state's highest effective income level for coverage of pregnant women under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) (mandatory poverty level-related pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) (optional poverty level-related pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) (pregnant women who meet AFDC financial eligibility criteria) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized pregnant women) in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.



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- The state's highest effective income level for coverage of pregnant women under sections 1931 (low-income families), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) (mandatory poverty level-related pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) (optional poverty level-related pregnant women), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) (pregnant women who meet AFDC financial eligibility criteria) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) (institutionalized pregnant women) in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- The state's effective income level for any population of pregnant women under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- The state's effective income level for any population of pregnant women under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- 185% FPL

The amount of the maximum income standard is: % FPL

Income standard chosen

Indicate the state's income standard used for this eligibility group:

- The minimum income standard
- The maximum income standard
- Another income standard in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed.

There is no resource test for this eligibility group.

Benefits for individuals in this eligibility group consist of the following:

- All pregnant women eligible under this group receive full Medicaid coverage under this state plan.
- Pregnant women whose income exceeds the income limit specified below for full coverage of pregnant women receive only pregnancy-related services.

Pregnancy-related services, as defined at 42 CFR 440.210 (a)(2), include prenatal, delivery, postpartum and family planning services, as well as services related to conditions which may complicate pregnancy.

Full Medicaid coverage is provided only for pregnant women with income at or below the income limit described below:

Minimum income limit for full Medicaid coverage

The minimum income standard used for full coverage under this group is the state's AFDC payment standard in effect as of May 1, 1988, converted to MAGI-equivalent amounts by household size. The standard is described in S14 AFDC Income Standards.

- The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted May 1, 1988 AFDC payment standard.

An attachment is submitted.

Maximum income limit for full Medicaid coverage



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The highest effective income level for coverage under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified pregnant women) or section 1931(b) and (d) (low-income families) in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard.

The highest effective income level for coverage under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) (qualified pregnant women) or section 1931(b) and (d) (low-income families) in effect under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard.

The state's effective income level for any population of pregnant women under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

The state's effective income level for any population of pregnant women under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.

The amount of the maximum income limit for full Medicaid coverage is:

A percentage of the federal poverty level: %

A dollar amount

Income limit chosen for full Medicaid coverage:

The minimum income limit

The maximum income limit

Another income limit in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed.

Presumptive Eligibility

The state covers ambulatory prenatal care for individuals under this group when determined presumptively eligible by a qualified entity.

Yes No

The presumptive period begins on the date the determination is made.

The end date of the presumptive period is the earlier of:

The date the eligibility determination for regular Medicaid is made, if an application for Medicaid is filed by the last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made; or

The last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made, if no application for Medicaid is filed by that date.

There may be no more than one period of presumptive eligibility per pregnancy.

A written application must be signed by the applicant or representative.

Yes No

The state uses a single application form for Medicaid and presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS.

The state uses a separate application form for presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the application form is included.



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An attachment is submitted.

- The presumptive eligibility determination is based on the following factors:
 - The woman must be pregnant
 - Household income must not exceed the applicable income standard at 42 CFR 435.116.
 - State residency
 - Citizenship, status as a national, or satisfactory immigration status
- The state uses qualified entities, as defined in section 1920A of the Act, to determine eligibility presumptively for this eligibility group.

List of Qualified Entities

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A qualified entity is an entity that is determined by the agency to be capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations based on an individual's household income and other requirements, and that meets at least one of the following requirements. Select one or more of the following types of entities used to determine presumptive eligibility for this eligibility group:

- Furnishes health care items or services covered under the state's approved Medicaid state plan and is eligible to receive payments under the plan
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to participate in a Head Start program under the Head Start Act
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to receive child care services for which financial assistance is provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to receive assistance under the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility under the Medicaid state plan or for child health assistance under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Is an elementary or secondary school, as defined in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801)
- Is an elementary or secondary school operated or supported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Is a state or Tribal child support enforcement agency under title IV-D of the Act
- Is an organization that provides emergency food and shelter under a grant under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
- Is a state or Tribal office or entity involved in enrollment in the program under Medicaid, CHIP, or title IV-A of the Act
- Is an organization that determines eligibility for any assistance or benefits provided under any program of public or assisted housing that receives Federal funds, including the program under section 8 or any other section of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) or under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)
- Is a health facility operated by the Indian Health Service, a Tribe, or Tribal organization, or an Urban Indian Organization
- Other entity the agency determines is capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations:



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	Name of entity	Description	
+	Planned Parenthood	Provides affordable health care and education for women on reproductive health.	X

The state assures that it has communicated the requirements for qualified entities, at 1920A(b)(3) of the Act, and has provided adequate training to the entities and organizations involved. A copy of the training materials has been included.

An attachment is submitted.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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