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MS. OLSON: Okay. Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is Cindy Olson. I'm with the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

This is a public hearing being held at the Department of Medical Assistance Services in Richmond, Virginia.

This hearing is held pursuant to 42 CFR,
Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.408, for
the purpose of receiving public comment on the
Department's proposed action to request authority
from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
Services through a Section 1115 Demonstration
Waiver, to implement use of the new Modified
Adjusted Gross Income or MAGI rules for Medicaid
and FAMIS determinations beginning October 1st,
2013. The notice of the Department's intent to
request such a waiver was published in the
Virginia Register on July the 1st, 2013.

Let me begin by introducing the individual seated with me today. This is Jack Quigley, also of the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

A few ground rules. We will receive comments regarding our intent to request approval to begin use of MAGI rules in October from any member of the public who wishes to speak. If you've not signed up to speak and you wish to give testimony today, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the room at this time. Initial comments will be limited to five minutes.

The panel may ask speakers questions or to clarify statements, if needed. However, this is not the proper forum for other questions to the Department. If you have questions for the Department, please forward them in writing to the Department.

Any speaker who wishes to provide a written statement in addition to oral testimony may do so and the written statement will be marked as an exhibit for this hearing.

Written comments not presented at this
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mailing address is Department of Medical
Assistance Services, 600 East Broad Street, Suite
1300, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

Comments may be sent via fax to 804-7861680, or by email to Cindy.Olson@dmas.virginia.gov
Written comments will be accepted until July the
30th, 2013.

Before we begin the comment period, I would like to provide a little background related to why DMAS is requesting permission to implement the use of MAGI rules beginning in October.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care
Act of 2010 mandates significant changes in how
eligibility is determined for medical assistance
programs for children, parent/caretaker relatives
and pregnant women beginning January the 1st,
2014.

This change requires the use of IRS tax rules for determining countable income and household composition. These new rules are based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income , or MAGI.

During the open enrollment period that runs from October 1st, 2013, through December 31st, 2013, for health insurance coverage that will begin on January 1st, 2114, the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace will begin using these new rules in their determinations of eligibility for the Advanced Premium Tax Credit and cost-sharing

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reductions.

They will also conduct an assessment of potential Medicaid or FAMIS eligibility. If an individual or family appears to meet Medicaid or FAMIS requirements using the new rules, the Marketplace will send the application electronically to local departments of social services for processing.

However, if the Virginia medical assistance programs are not using the same rules as the Marketplace, individuals assessed as being potentially eligible will be evaluated using a different set of rules that could result in a different outcome.

Additionally, for applications received in local departments of social services during this time frame, eligibility determinations may need to be conducted using two separate different sets of rules; current Medicaid rules to determine eligibility for the October through December time period, and if not eligible, the new MAGI rules to determine eligibility for coverage effective January the 1st, 2014.

If the individual is not found to be eligible for Medicaid or FAMIS, a referral to the

1	Marketplace will be completed. The purpose of
2	this Section 1115 waiver request is to allow
3	Virginia to avoid having to have two sets of rules
4	in place for determinations of medical assistance
5	eligibility for the same groups of people during
6	the open enrollment period.
7	Okay. Is there anyone on the telephone?
8	MS. HANKEN: Yes.
9	MS. OLSON: Okay. Could I ask you to
10	identify yourself.
11	MS. HANKEN: Hey Cindy, this is Jill
12	Hanken. How are you?
13	MS. OLSON: I'm good, Jill. How are you?
14	MS. HANKEN: Doing okay. Thank you.
15	MS. OLSON: Did you wish to make public
16	comment?
17	MS. HANKEN: Yes, I did.
18	MS. OLSON: Okay. This is Jill Hanken.
19	She's with the Virginia Poverty Law Center.
20	MS. HANKEN: Yeah. I had several things
21	to say, Cindy. First of all, I wanted to express
22	some concern about the lack of information that
23	was issued with this public hearing announcement.
24	The description that you just provided
25	actually provides and explanation that wasn't

included in the public notice itself. And beyond that, we're still waiting, advocates are still waiting to get information from DMAS about the new MAGI conversion figure as well as other decisions and choices the state is making about how it intends to implement MAGI in Virginia.

I mean there are certain areas where the state will have some choices; for example, determining assistance units for pregnant women.

And there are other issues that I know you guys are working hard on right now. But the public is waiting for information about those things, and an opportunity to make comment on those issues as well.

In terms of this 1115 waiver, I do support the idea of early implementation of MAGI. I think it will definitely be useful to be applying one set of eligibility rules instead of two, and be less confusing to people.

I am not sure if the intent is to apply the new MAGI rules on October 1 only for new applicants. And I think that's how we should -- how Virginia should implement MAGI early, by only applying it to new applicants. And to do that, DMAS should extend any renewals of current

enrollees beyond that October to December 2013 time frame so that in order to reduce confusion and also avoid violating maintenance of effort requirements, that we just hold everybody -- current enrollees in place until later.

So I don't know if that's part of the plan.

I don't know if you're allowed to answer questions during this public comment period. But that's a question I have is; are you planning to delay renewals of current enrollees during that three month period of 2013?

And then beyond that, I also have a question about whether Virginia intends to take advantage of the second enrollment strategy that was made available by CMS recently, that being to delay renewals of current enrollees until after March 31st of 2014.

It seems to me, again, this would help to limit confusion limit workload on DSS offices, to just take advantage of that option to delay renewals beyond March 31st of 2014.

So again, if you're allowed to answer questions during this process, I'd be very interested in knowing what your -- the Agency's plans are in terms of that issue.

1	So those are the thoughts and questions and
2	comments that I have about this potential 1115
3	waiver.
4	MS. OLSON: Okay. Thank you very much,
5	Jill. At this point in time we are only here to
6	accept public comment on the proposal to submit
7	the request to CMS for the Section 1115 waiver.
8	So I can't answer other questions at this point in
9	time.
10	MS. HANKEN: Okay. Did I understand you
11	to say that you were accepting written comments on
12	this until July 30th?
13	MS. OLSON: Yes.
14	MS. HANKEN: And is that day in that
15	public announcement that came out? I'm not sure I
16	saw that.
17	MS. OLSON: It's in the public
18	announcement that's posted on the DMAS website. I
19	thought it was in the one that was drafted for the
20	Virginia Register.
21	MS. HANKEN: And the Town Hall?
22	MS. OLSON: And the Town Hall. Yes.
23	MS. HANKEN: Yeah, I'll check it again.
24	Because there may be other folks who may want to
25	comment in writing by that time. So is it

1	sufficient for you to accept my written my oral
2	comments today, Cindy?
3	MS. OLSON: Yes, yes.
4	MS. HANKEN: Okay. All right.
5	MS. OLSON: Thank you.
6	MS. HANKEN: Well, thank you.
7	MS. OLSON: Is there anyone else on the
8	phone who would like to make a public comment?
9	(No response.)
10	Okay. And there are no members of the
11	public in this room. So I guess we'll wait a few
12	minutes to see if anyone else has anything.
13	So we're going to sit here for a few more
14	minutes to see if anyone else has comments.
15	MS. HANKEN: All right. Well, I will get
16	off now. Thank you guys for your time. And so
17	maybe I'll pose some of those questions to you
18	offline.
19	MS. OLSON: Okay.
20	MS. HANKEN: Thank you so much.
21	MS. OLSON: Thank you.
22	MS. HANKEN: Okay. Bye, bye.
23	(Brief recess.)
24	MS. OLSON: Is there anyone else on the
25	phone?
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1	(No response.)	
2	MS. OLSON: Since there's no further	
3	comment today, I declare this public hearing is	48
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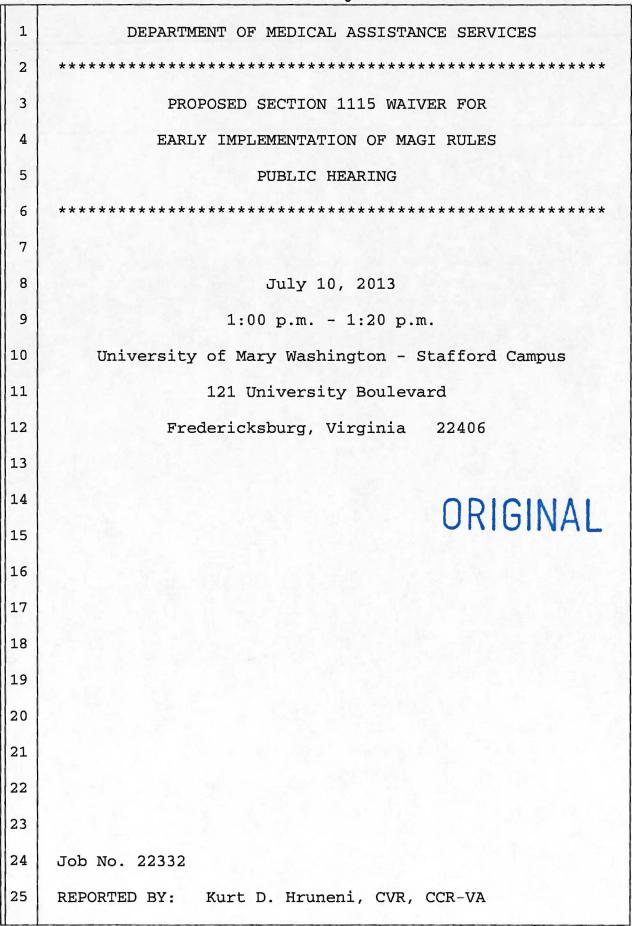
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Written comments will be accepted until July the 30th, 2013.

Before we begin the comment period, I would like to provide a little background related to why DMAS is requesting permission to implement the use of MAGI rules beginning in October.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care
Act of 2010 mandates significant changes in how
eligibility is determined for medical assistance
programs for children, parent/caretaker relatives
and pregnant women beginning January the 1st,
2014.

This change requires the use of IRS tax rules for determining countable income and household composition. These new rules are based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income, or MAGI.

During the open enrollment period that runs from October 1st, 2013, through December 31st, 2013, for health insurance coverage that will begin on January 1st, 2114, the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace will begin using these new rules in their determinations of eligibility for the Advanced Premium Tax Credit and cost-sharing reductions.

They will also conduct an assessment of

potential Medicaid or FAMIS eligibility. If an individual or family appears to meet Medicaid or FAMIS requirements using the new rules, the Marketplace will send the application electronically to local departments of social services for processing.

However, if the Virginia medical assistance programs are not using the same rules as the Marketplace, individuals assessed as being potentially eligible will be evaluated using a different set of rules that could result in a different outcome.

Additionally, for applications received in local departments of social services during this time frame, eligibility determinations may need to be conducted using two separate different sets of rules; current Medicaid rules to determine eligibility for the October through December time period, and if not eligible, the new MAGI rules to determine eligibility for coverage effective January the 1st, 2014.

If the individual is not found to be eligible for Medicaid or FAMIS, a referral to the Marketplace will be completed. The purpose of this Section 1115 waiver request is to allow

1	Virginia to avoid having to have two sets of rules
2	in place for determinations of medical assistance
3	eligibility for the same groups of people during
4	the open enrollment period.
5	We'll suspend the hearing to see if anyone
6	shows up for public comment.
7	(Brief recess.)
8	MS. OLSON: I'd like to call this public
9	hearing back into session. Since there is no
10	further comment today, I declare this public
11	hearing closed.
12	(Hearing concluded, 1:20 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

Reporter, do hereby certify that I took the notes of the foregoing proceedings and thereafter reduced the same to typewriting; that the foregoing is a true record of said proceedings to the best of my knowledge and ability; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which these proceedings were held; and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of July, 2013.

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