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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: CT 12-015

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

November 21, 2012

Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 12-015 with an effective date of January 1, 2012, as requested by your Agency.

This proposed SPA transmitted an amendment to Connecticut's approved Title XIX State plan to exclude the amount of the Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit in determining Medicaid eligibility for the eligibility groups specified in this SPA.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz. He can be reached at (617) 565-1257.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

Claudette J. Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner
Marc Shok, Adult Services Program Manager
Noeline Kay Randall, Public Assistance Consultant

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL
OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
12-015

2. STATE: CT

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
1-1-12

5. TYPE OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

☒ NEW STATE PLAN ☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN ☐ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2013 \$ None-see attached
b. FFY 2014 \$ None-see attached

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Supplement 8A to attachment 2.6A page 11
Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 3

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If applicable)

Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 3

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Connecticut State Earned Income Tax Credit Exclusion

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☒ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☐ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Comments, if any, to follow.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:
/s/

13. TYPED NAME: Claudette J. Beaulieu

14. TITLE: Deputy Commissioner

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
3/30/12

16. RETURN TO:

State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033
Attention: Noeline Kay Randall

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 3/30/12

18. DATE APPROVED: 11/21/12

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
1/1/12

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
/s/

21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and
Children's Health Operations, Boston Regional Office

23. REMARKS:

The State and CMS agreed to the following pen and ink changes in an email dated 10/4/12:

- Added Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 3 to Box 8 and 9 to the Form 179.
- Added parentheses in the last part of the citations of the Social Security Act on Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A page 11; also added "Pregnant Women Only" after the 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) citation on this page.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Connecticut

ELIGIBILITY UNDER 1931 OF THE ACT

Dependent Child Earnings: Earned income of a dependent child who is a student, either part-time or full-time, is disregarded in determining eligibility.

Disregard of Awards: Financial awards received by a recipient for educational attendance, attaining certain grade levels, or attainment levels (e.g., increased reading level) is disregarded as income or as a resource in determining eligibility.

Gross Income Test: Eligibility is determined without regard to the 185 percent gross income test.

Earned Income Deductions: Deductions are allowed for employment expenses and day care costs. The amount allowed for employment expenses is \$90 per month per employed person. The amount allowed for day care is the amount obligated up to a maximum of \$200 for a child under age one and \$175 for all others needing day care. Day care is allowed as a deduction whether paid by the family or by a state agency.

Income Disregard: Otherwise countable Income between the CNIL and the 185% of the federal poverty level is disregarded.

Increased Income Disregard: For families receiving benefits under section 1931, all income is disregarded for six months from the date the family would otherwise become ineligible provided the family has income at that time.

Increased Child Support Disregards: For families receiving benefits under section 1931 that do not have earned income and become otherwise ineligible due to increased child support payments, all income is disregarded for eight months from the date the family would otherwise become ineligible.

Census Income Disregard: All wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to any decennial census activities are excluded.

Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit: The Department will exclude this tax credit when determining eligibility.

Resource Methodologies

All resources are disregarded.

State of Connecticut

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

METHODOLOGIES FOR TREATMENT OF INCOME THAT ARE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE
OF THE AFDC OR SSI PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1902(r)(2) OF THE ACT

☒ Section 1902(f) State ☐ Non-Section 1902(f) State

The Department will exclude the Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit when determining eligibility for the following groups pursuant to Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act.

- ☒ Qualified children and pregnant women under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III)
- ☒ Poverty level pregnant women and infants(133-185%FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV)
- ☒ Poverty level children aged 1 up to age 6 (133% FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI)
- ☒ Poverty level children aged 6 up to age 19 (100%FPL) under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII)
- ☒ Low Income Adults under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII)
- ☒ Family Planning under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI)
- ☒ Optional categorically needy groups under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) as listed
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(II)
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV)
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) – Pregnant Women Only
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII)
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV)
 - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI)

Note: The Special Income Level group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V), the individuals who would be eligible if in an institution Group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) and the Hospice Group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VII) cannot be included in this disregard.

- ☒ Medically needy under 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III)
- ☒ All aged, blind or disabled groups in 209(b) states under 1902(f)
- ☒ QMBs, SLMBs and QIs under 1905(p)