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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

March 19, 2020

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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment DE-19-0008

Dear Stephen Groff:

On December 23, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Delaware State Plan Amendment (SPA) DE-19-0008 to exempt temporary census worker income for certain optional eligibility groups which include: Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization, Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level and Ticket to Work Basic.

We approve Delaware State Plan Amendment (SPA) DE-19-0008 on March 19, 2020 with an effective date(s) of October 01, 2019.

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If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact michael cleary at michael.cleary@cms.hhs.gov.				
		Sincerely,		
		James Scott		
		Director		
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows states to exclude the earned income of temporary Goals and Objectives census workers for purposes of eligibility. The Delaware state plan currently excluded earnings of temporary census workers to ensure that individuals (and their families), who are temporarily hired by the Census Bureau to assist in Census activities, do not lose eligibility for Medicaid because of the income they receive from employment with the Census Bureau. The purpose of this amendment is to add additional eligibility groups to that exclusion.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2021	\$0
Second	2022	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

CMS, Informational Bulletin dated July 3, 2019, Temporary Census Income and Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility

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No comment

O Comments received

O No response within 45 days

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One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in this state

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No

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Income/Resource Methodologies

Non-MAGI Methodologies

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The state will apply the methodologies as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 435.601, 435.602, and 435.831.

A. Basic Financial Methodology

- 1. The state applies the income and resource methodologies of the SSI program when determining eligibility for a population based on age (65 or older) or having blindness or a disability, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.
- 2. The state applies the financial methodologies of either the SSI program or the AFDC program in effect as of July 16, 1996 (whichever is most closely related) when determining eligibility for a population based on age (as a child), pregnancy, or status as a caretaker relative, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.

B. Use of Less Restrictive Methodologies

b. Ose of Less Restrictive Methodologies
1. The state elects to apply income and/or resources methodologies that are less restrictive than those used under the cash assistance programs, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.601(d).
• Yes
○ No
2. The less restrictive income and resource methodologies are described on the RU for each applicable eligibility group.

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C. Financial Responsibility of Relatives

1. In determining financial eligibility for an individual, the state does not include income and resources from anyone other than the individual's spouse, and for individuals under age 21 or who have blindness or disability, the individual's parent.

a.The state includes the income and resources of a spouse or parent only when they are living with the individual in the same household, except as follows:

i. In the case of spouses who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or disability and who share the same room in a Medicaid institution, the state: $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right$

(1) Considers these couples either as living together or as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources, whichever is more advantageous to the couple.

 (2) Considers these couples as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources.

ii. Where applicable, the state determines income and resource eligibility consistent with the spousal impoverishment rules of section 1924 of the Act, as described in the Resource Assessment and Eligibility reviewable unit.

b. In the case of individuals under age 21 for whom AFDC is the most closely related cash assistance program, the income and resources of parents and spouses are included only if the individual would have been considered a dependent under the state's approved AFDC state plan in effect as of July 16, 1996.

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D. Family Size

- 1. The family size of an individual for whom the SSI income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A) includes the persons identified
 - a. The individual applying, or
 - b. If the individual lives together with his or her spouse, the individual applying and the spouse, or
 - c. If the individual lives together with his or her parent(s) and the individual is under 21 or has blindness or a disability, the individual applying and the parent(s).
- 2. The family size of an individual for whom the AFDC income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A.), includes the persons who would have been included in the family under the state's July 16, 1996 AFDC state plan, except where the state has elected to use the MAGI-like methodologies (as described in section E).
- 3. The state defines family size for one or more of the following FPL eligibility groups to include others beyond those identified in D.1. and D.2.

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E. Use of MAGI-like Methodologies

1. The state uses MAGI-like methodologies for one or more populations for whom the most closely related cash assistance program would be the AFDC
program in effect as of July 16, 1996.

○ Yes

No

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F. Countable Income Deductions for the Medically Needy

In determining countable income for individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability, the state deducts:

- 1. Amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility under SSI.
- 2. The highest amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility for optional state supplements if these supplements are paid to all individuals who are receiving SSI or would be eligible for SSI except for their income.

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Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Infants and Children under Age 19	ø			0	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	ø			0	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women	•	С		0	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns	•			0	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care	Ð	С		0	NEW
Former Foster Care Children	ø			0	NEW
Transitional Medical Assistance	ø			0	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections	P	Г		0	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 🕜	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
SSI Beneficiaries	P			0	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups	P			0	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI	P			0	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)	P			0	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	P			0	NEW
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	P	С		0	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	P	С		0	NEW
Qualifying Individuals	P	С		0	NEW

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

Yes \(\cap \) No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 🕢	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🛭
Adult Group	P			0	CONVERTED

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C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

N/A

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Optional Eligibility Groups

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The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.

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A. Options for Coverage

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• Yes O No				
The optional eligibilit	groups covered in the state plan are (elections m	nade in this screen may not be cor	morehensive during the transition perio	nd from the

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	ø			0	NEW
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	Đ			0	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents	Đ			0	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children	Đ			0	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	ø	Г		0	APPROVED
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	ø	С		0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services	ø			0	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis	9			0	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	ø			0	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🔞
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	9			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	ø	С		0	APPROVED
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	9			0	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	ø			0	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	ø	С	⊏	0	APPROVED
PACE Participants	ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice	ø			0	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	ø			0	NEW
Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	•			0	NEW
Work Incentives	ø			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic	ø			0	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	ø			0	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	P			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	ø			0	NEW
ndividuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	9			0	NEW

Optional Eligibility Groups

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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.



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C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

N/A

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

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Individuals who would be eligible for federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement, except for institutionalization.

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Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

 $\$ b. Optional State Supplement

_ c. AFDC

1. Are in a medical institution.
2. Would meet the eligibility requirements for at least one of the following cash assistance programs, but for the lower income standards used to determine eligibility for institutionalized individuals:
a. SSI

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B. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.



 $\bigcirc\,\mathsf{No}$

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. In calculating household income and resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or disability, SSI methodologies are used. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. In calculating household income and resources for populations for which AFDC is the most closely related program, the following methodology(ies) are

 $\bigcirc \text{ a. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.}$ **o** b. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state. 3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Exclude the earned income of

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temporary census workers for purposes of eligibility

4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

O Yes

O No

No

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level

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Individuals who are in medical institutions for at least 30 consecutive days who are eligible under a special income level.

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The state covers Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Have been in a medical institution for at least 30 consecutive days.
- 2. Have income at or below a standard described in section D.

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B.Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.



 $\bigcirc\,\mathsf{No}$

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. In calculating household income, t	the methodologies of the most close	v related cash assistance prog	ram are used, exce	pt that disregards are	not applied.

2. In calculating household resources, th	he methodologies of the most closely	related cash assistance program	are used Please refer a	s necessary to Non-
MAGI Methodologies, completed by the	state.			

2. In calculating household resources, the methodologies of the most closely related cash assistance program are used Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.
• Yes
○ No
The less restrictive resource methodologies are:
A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

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D. Income Standard Used

 \bigcirc 1. 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) for an individual

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2. Other lower income level

a. Percent of the SSI FBR:

250.00%

Ob. Dollar amount:

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E.Resource Standard Used

 $The \ resource \ standard \ for \ this \ group \ is \ the \ one \ used \ for \ the \ most \ closely-related \ cash \ assistance \ program.$

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F.Additional Information (optional)

Earned income of temporary census workers for purposes of eligibility will be excluded.

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Ticket to Work Basic

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Individuals between ages 16 and 64 with a disability, who have earned income.

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 $The state covers the optional \ Ticket to \ Work \ basic \ eligibility \ group \ in \ accordance \ with \ the \ following \ provisions:$

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A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Are at least age 16 but less than 65 years of age.
- 2. Have earned income.
- 3. But for earned income, meet the SSI definition of disability.
- 4. Have income and resources that do not exceed the standards established by the state.

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income and resources. Platate. $ \\$	lease refer as necessary to Non-MAGI	Methodologies, completed by the
2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.		
• Yes		
○No		
The less restrictive income methodologies are:		
Census Bureau wages are disregarded.	Description of disregard:	Exclude the earned income of temporary census workers for purposes of eligibility
The following less restrictive methodologies are used:		
	Name of methodology:	Description:
	Unearned income disregard	For individuals in the TWWIIA Basic eligibility group, the unearned income disregard increases each year and is it solely based on the annual COLA. The disregard amount for 2020 \$1,110.

	3.	Less	restrictive	methodologies	are used in	calculating	countable	resources.
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○ Yes

No

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C. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this group is:				
	1. No income standard			
	2. A percentage of the federal poverty level:			
		FPL	275	5.00%
	\bigcirc 3. A percentage of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate:			
	4. A dollar amount			
	○ 5. Other			

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D. Resource Standard Used

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1. No resource standard

O 2. SSI resource standard

 \bigcirc 4. A dollar amount higher than the SSI resource standard

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E. Premiums and Cost Sharing

Requirements for premiums and cost sharing for this group are found in the premium and cost sharing sections of the state plan.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Requirements for premiums and cost sharing for this group are found in the premium and cost sharing sections as well as page 120 of Attachment 2.6 of the eligibility section of the state plan.

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