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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-0025

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 East 12th Street, Suite 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

October 12, 2016

Charles M. Palmer, Director
Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut Street, 5th Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319-0114

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On July 26, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #16-0025, which adjusts the premium scale for the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) program based on the average state employee health insurance premium.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #16-0025 as of October 12, 2016, with an effective date of August 1, 2016, as requested by the state.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the approved page for incorporation into the Iowa State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Michala Walker at (816) 426-5925 or Michala.Walker@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc:
Mikki Stier
Liz Matney
Alisa Horn

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>1 6 — 0 2 5</u>	2. STATE IOWA
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE August 1, 2016	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the SSA		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY 2016 \$ (<100,000) b. FFY 2017 \$ (<100,000)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 2.6-A, Page 12c		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if Applicable) Attachment 2.6-A, Page 12c	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT This adjusts the premium scale per 441 IAC 75.1(39)"b". Maximum premium amount is based on the avg. state employee health insurance premium, & that amount increased for 2016. Therefore, premiums for MEPD have increased.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL		16. RETURN TO	
13. TYPED NAME CHARLES M. PALMER		CHARLES M. PALMER DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 1305 EAST WALNUT 5TH FLOOR DES MOINES IA 50319-0114	
14. TITLE DIRECTOR			
15. DATE SUBMITTED 7-26-16			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED July 26, 2016		18. DATE APPROVED October 12, 2016	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL August 1, 2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL //s//	
21. TYPED NAME James G Scott		22. TITLE Associate Regional Administrator for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations	
23. REMARKS			

State: Iowa

Citation	Condition or Requirement
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The definition of “family” for purposes of the 250% family income eligibility test includes:

- ◆ For disabled individuals under 18 and unmarried: the individual, parents living with the individual, unmarried siblings under 18 living with the individual, and children of the individual who live with the individual.
- ◆ For disabled individuals 18 or older or married: the individual, the individual’s spouse living with the individual, and any unmarried children under 18 who are living with the individual.

In comparing family income to 250%, SSI income disregards and exemptions are applied. In determining whether the 250% family income eligibility test is met, disregard the amount of income equal to the social security cost-of-living adjustment for the year until the federal poverty level increase goes into effect for the year.

Premiums will be charged for recipients with gross income in excess of 150% of the federal poverty level and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the average state employee health insurance premium. The premium is determined according to a sliding scale based on income, with the maximum premium, based on the average state employee’s health insurance premium, charged only when not more than 5% of an individual’s gross income.

Monthly premium amounts established August 1, 2016; begin at \$33 with gross income greater than 150% of the federal poverty level and increase to a maximum of \$767 with gross income greater than 1590% of the federal poverty level. No other cost-sharing charges apply to this group, except for otherwise applicable Iowa Medicaid co-payments, subject to the aggregate limits described in 42 C.F.R. §447.56(f).

In determining the monthly premium amount, the gross income figure used in calculation of the monthly premium will not include the cost-of-living adjustment for the year until the federal poverty level for the year goes into effect.

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