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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-0008

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April 24, 2017

Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64983
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #16-0008 --Increases the income level for the medically needy aged, blind,
and disabled groups.

--Effective Date: July 1, 2016

--Approval Date: April 21, 2017

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov.

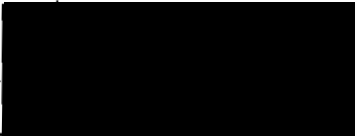
Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth Hughes
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, MDHS
Sean Barrett, MDHS

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 16-0008	2. STATE Minnesota
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		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 July 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(r)(2)		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: (actual) a. FFY '16 \$ 44,000 b. FFY '17 \$3,399,000	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Page 4 of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Page 4 of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Increase in income disregards for medically needy aged, blind and disabled			
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: Ann Berg, Deputy Medicaid Director Minnesota Department of Human Services 540 Cedar Street, PO Box 64983 St. Paul, MN 55164-0983	
13. TYPED NAME: Ann Berg			
14. TITLE: Deputy Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: August 30, 2016			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: August 30, 2016		18. DATE APPROVED: April 21, 2017	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: July 1, 2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/	
21. TYPED NAME: Ruth A. Hughes		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator	

POLICY	HOW POLICY IS MORE LIBERAL	GROUPS TO WHICH POLICY IS APPLIED
<p>Add'l ABD Income Disregard. Effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, disregard the difference between the individual's income in excess of the income standard in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page , and 70 percent of the federal poverty levels by family size based on federal poverty levels in effect on July 1, 2001.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2002, disregard the difference between the individual's income in excess of the income standard in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page , and 75 percent of the federal poverty levels by family size, based upon revised federal poverty levels for calendar year 2002. Thereafter adjust the disregard on each July 1 based on revised federal poverty levels published for the calendar year.</p> <p><u>Effective July 1, 2016, disregard the difference between the individual's income in excess of the income standard in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 7, and 80 percent of the federal poverty levels by family size, based upon revised federal poverty levels for 2016. Adjust the disregard on July 1 in each subsequent year based on revised federal poverty levels published for the calendar year.</u></p>	SSI has no similar disregard.	<p>Eligibility groups under the following sections of the act: §1902(f) §1902(a)(10)(C) and 1905(a)(iii)(iv) and (v).</p> <p>§§1902(e), 1905(a)(i) and 1902(a)(10)(C) (medically needy reasonable classification of TEFRA children); §§1905(a)(i), 1915(e), 1902 (a)(10)(C) (medically needy reasonable classification of disabled children under age 21 who would be institutionalized but for HCB services under a §1915(e) waiver).</p> <p>Reasonable Classification of children on page 1 of Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.2-A, item C.5(b)(6)</p>
<p>COLA delay disregard. Disregard the annual RSDI cost of living adjustment from January 1 through June 30th of each year.</p>	SSI has no similar disregard.	<p>Eligibility groups under the following sections of the act: §1902(f) §1902(a)(10)(C) and 1905(a)(iii)(iv) and (v).</p> <p>§§1902(e), 1905(a)(i) and 1902(a)(10)(C); (medically needy disabled children); §§1905(a)(i), 1915(e), 1902 (a)(10)(C); (medically needy disabled children under age 21 who would be institutionalized but for HCB services under a §1915(e) waiver).</p> <p>Reasonable Classification of children on page 1 of Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.2-A, item C.5(b)(6)</p>
<p>Disregard for Elderly and Disabled Under §1902(m). Effective July 1 through June 30 of the following year, disregard the difference between the income standard and 100 percent of the federal poverty levels, using 100 percent of federal poverty levels in effect on July 1 of each 12 month period.</p> <p>The income standard will be adjusted in the first month after the publication of the revised federal poverty levels for the calendar year. The disregard will be adjusted on the basis of revised federal poverty levels for the calendar year on each July 1.</p>	SSI has no similar disregard.	<p>Eligibility groups under the following sections of the act: §1902(f) §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) and 1902(m).</p> <p>§§ 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X), 1902(e), 1905(a)(i); (optional categorically needy disabled children under 19). §§1902(e), 1905(a)(i) and 1902(a)(10)(C); (medically needy disabled children under 19).</p> <p>§§ 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X), 1905(a)(i) and 1915(c); (optional categorically needy children under age 21 who would be institutionalized but for HCB services).</p>
<p>Income Disregard for Certain Children. Disregard child support payments received, and social security payments received under Title II</p>	SSI has no similar disregard.	<p>Eligibility groups under the following sections of the act: §§1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X), 1902(e), 1902(m) 1905(a)(i); (optional categorically needy disabled children under 19).</p> <p>§§1902(a)(10)(C), 1902(e), 1905(a)(i); (medically needy disabled children).</p> <p>§§1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X), 1902(m), 1905(a)(i) and 1915(c); (optional categorically needy children under age 21 who would be institutionalized but for HCB services).</p> <p>§§1902 (a)(10)(C), 1905(a)(i), 1915(c); (medically needy disabled children under age 21 who would be institutionalized but for HCB services;</p>