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State/Territory Name: Minnesota

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 18-0002

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Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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April 24, 2018

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 #18-0002 --Implements a more liberal income/asset method for parents in an ABD group or medically needy group, who participate in and receive payments from an early childhood development study, funded in part by the National Institute of Health.

--Effective Date: January 1, 2018

--Approval Date: April 23, 2018

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

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, DHS
 Pat Callaghan, DHS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0002

2. STATE
Minnesota

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTER FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2018

5. TYPE OF 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:
1902(r)(2)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY
b. FFY

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 2-6-A, Supplement 8a, new page 7
Attachment 2.6-A, Supplement 8b, page 5

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):
Attachment 2.6-A, Supplement 8b, page 5

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
More liberal methods for aged, blind, disabled

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

☒ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

16. RETURN TO:
Ann Berg
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:
March 7, 2018

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17. DATE RECEIVED:
March 7, 2018

18. DATE APPROVED:
April 23, 2018

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
January 1, 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
/s/

21. TYPED NAME:
Ruth A. Hughes

22. TITLE:
Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State: MINNESOTA
MORE LIBERAL METHODS OF TREATING RESOURCES
UNDER §1902(r)(2) OF THE ACT

POLICY	HOW POLICY IS MORE LIBERAL	GROUPS TO WHICH POLICY IS APPLIED
Disregard under Court Order: Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in <i>Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLM)</i> .	AFDC and SSI have no similar disregard.	Eligibility Groups under the following sections of the Act: 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) 1902(f) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (IV) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (VIII) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (IX) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (X) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XIV) 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XV) QMB, SLMB & QI under 1902(a)(10)(E) and 1905(p) Medically needy groups under §1902(a)(10)(C).
Disregard of payments under NIH study: <u>Disregard as assets any payments made to parents participating in the “income and child development in the first three years of life” demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health.</u>	<u>AFDC and SSI have no similar disregard</u>	<u>Eligibility Groups under the following sections of the Act:</u> <u>1902(f)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (IV)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (X)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI)</u> <u>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XIII)</u> <u>QMB, SLMB & QI under 1902(a)(10)(E) and 1905(p)</u> <u>Medically needy groups under §1902(a)(10)(C).</u>

Supersedes: NEW

POLICY	HOW POLICY IS MORE LIBERAL	GROUPS TO WHICH POLICY IS APPLIED
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