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March 26, 2020

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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment NE-19-0005

Dear Jeremy Brunssen:

On December 27, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) NE-19-0005 to The purpose of this amendment is to add an additional disregard from resources to exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders for the following eligibility groups subject to 1902(r)(2) of the Act: Medicare Savings Programs, Aged and Disabled Poverty Level, Medically Needy Pregnant Women, Medically Needy Children Under the Age 18, Medically Needy Parents and Caretaker Relatives, and Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness, or Disability..

We approve Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) NE-19-0005 on March 26, 2020 with an effective date(s) of October 01, 2019.

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If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Barbara Cotterman at barbara.cotterman@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Nebraska

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Submission Component

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SPA ID NE-19-0005

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability	10/1/2019	New
Non-MAGI Methodologies	10/1/2019	New
Medically Needy Income Level	10/1/2019	NE 15-0012
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Medically Needy Resource Level	10/1/2019	MS-91-24
Mandatory Eligibility Groups	10/1/2019	NE-15-0008
Adult Group	10/1/2019	N/A
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	10/1/2019	NE 10-07
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	10/1/2019	NE 10-07
Qualifying Individuals	10/1/2019	NE 10-07
Optional Eligibility Groups	10/1/2019	NE-15-0011
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level	10/1/2019	NE 10-07
Work Incentives	10/1/2019	MS-03-07
Medically Needy Pregnant Women	10/1/2019	MS-92-1
Medically Needy Children under Age 18	10/1/2019	MS-92-1
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	10/1/2019	11-03
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability	10/1/2019	11-03

Page Number of the Superseded Plan Section or Attachment (If Applicable):

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives For the following eligibility groups subject to 1902(r)(2) of the Act, an additional disregard is allowed from resources to exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders - Medicare Savings Programs, Age and Disability Poverty Level, Medically Needy Pregnant Women, Medically Needy Children Under the Age 18, Medically Needy Parents and Caretaker Relatives, Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness, or Disability.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2020	\$0
Second	2021	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act.

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

Describe Not required.

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Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

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A. Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Who Are Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

Eligibility determinations of individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability are based on one of the following:

1. SSA Eligibility Determination State (1634 State)

The state has an agreement under section 1634 of the Social Security Act for the Social Security Administration to determine Medicaid eligibility of SSI beneficiaries. For all other individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, the state requires a separate Medicaid application and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

2. State Eligibility Determination (SSI Criteria State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

3. State Eligibility Determination (209(b) State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility using income and resource methodologies more restrictive than SSI.

B. Additional information (optional)

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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

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:

- (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 below:

- 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.

- Yes
- No
- a. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) of the Act)
- b. Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) of the Act)
- c. Qualifying Individuals (described in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Act)
- d. Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (described in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(ii) of the Act)
- e. Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level (described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) of the Act)
- f. Work Incentives (described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act)
- g. Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability (described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX) of the Act)
- h. Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (described in 42 CFR 435.219)

4. The state uses the same definition of family size for the selected FPL eligibility groups.

- Yes
- No

5. For the selected FPL eligibility groups, family size is defined as follows:

- a. Family is defined as the individual, the individual's spouse and the individual's children under age 18 living together in the same household. If the individual is a child, the child's parents and siblings under age 18 are also included in the household if living together.

Optional description:

- b. The state uses another definition of family.

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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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G. Additional Information (optional)

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Medically Needy Income Level

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A. Income Level Used

1. The state employs a single income level for the medically needy.
2. The income level varies based on differences between shelter costs in urban and rural areas.

- Yes
 No

3. The level used is:

Household size	Standard
1	\$392.00
2	\$392.00
3	\$492.00
4	\$584.00
5	\$675.00
6	\$775.00
7	\$867.00
8	\$967.00
9	\$1059.00
10	\$1150.00

The state uses an additional incremental amount for larger household sizes.

- Yes
 No

Incremental Amount:
\$91.00

The dollar amounts increase automatically each year

- Yes
 No

Medically Needy Income Level

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B. Basis for Income Level

1. Minimum Income Level

The minimum income level for this eligibility group is the lower of the state's July 1996 AFDC payment standard or the state's income standard for the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group.

2. Maximum Income Level

The maximum income level for this eligibility group is 133 1/3 percent of the higher of the state's 1996 AFDC payment standard or the state's income standard for the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group.

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Handling of Excess Income (Spendedown)

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If countable income exceeds the income standard, the state must deduct from income medical expenses incurred by the individual or family or financially responsible relatives that are not subject to payment by a third party, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.831 and 42 CFR 435.121.

A. Budget Periods

Income in excess of the appropriate income standard is considered available for payment of medical or remedial care expenses in budget periods that do not exceed six months.

1. In determining income eligibility, countable income is reduced by the amount of incurred medical or remedial care expenses during the budget period specified below:

- a. One budget period of:
 - i. 6 months
 - ii. 5 months
 - iii. 4 months
 - iv. 3 months
 - v. 2 months
 - vi. 1 month
- b. More than one budget period, as described below:

2. The state includes part or all of the retroactive period in the budget period.

- Yes
- No

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B. Types of Eligible Expenses

1. In determining incurred expenses to be deducted from income, the state includes:

- Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance premiums and enrollment fees.
- Cost sharing, including copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles, imposed by Medicare, Medicaid or other health insurance.
- Expenses for necessary medical and remedial services recognized by state law but not included in the state plan.
- Expenses for necessary medical and remedial services included in the state plan, including those that exceed limitations on the amount, duration, and scope of services.

2. The state also includes medical institutional expenses projected to the end of the budget period at the Medicaid reimbursement rate.

- Yes
 No

3. Incurred expenses subject to payment by a third party are not deducted unless the third party is a public program (other than Medicaid) of a state and the program is financed by the state.

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C. Timeframe of Deduction of Expenses

In determining incurred expenses to be deducted from income, the state deducts:

1. For retroactive budget periods and a budget period that includes both retroactive and prospective budget, the state deducts:

- Eligible expenses incurred during the budget period, whether paid or unpaid.
- Payments made during the budget period on eligible expenses incurred at any time prior to the budget period, if not previously deducted in establishing eligibility.
- Unpaid eligible expenses, which have not been deducted previously in establishing eligibility, and were incurred:
 - i. At any time prior to the budget period.
 - ii. Prior to the third month before the month of application, but no earlier than:
 - iii. No earlier than the third month before the month of application.

2. For prospective budget period(s), the state deducts:

- Eligible expenses incurred during the budget period, whether paid or unpaid.
- Payments made during the budget period on eligible expenses incurred at any time prior to the budget period, if not previously deducted in establishing eligibility.
- Unpaid eligible expenses that are carried over from the prior budget period and have not been deducted previously in establishing eligibility.

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D. Order of Deduction of Expenses

Incurred medical or remedial care expenses are deducted in the following order:

1. By the type of service, in the following order:
 - a. Premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments.
 - b. Expenses for necessary medical or remedial care services that are recognized under state law but not included in the State Plan.
 - c. Expenses for necessary medical or remedial care services that are included in the state Plan that exceed agency limitations on amount, duration, or scope of services.
 - d. Expenses for necessary medical or remedial care services that are included in the state Plan that are within the agency limitations on amount, duration, or scope of services.
2. In chronological order by the date of the service, or the date cost sharing payments are due.
3. In chronological order by the date the bill is submitted to the state by the individual.

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E. Reasonable Limitations

The state sets reasonable limits on the amount to be deducted for expenses.

- Yes
 No

The state sets the following reasonable limits:

1. Medicare, Medicaid and other health insurance premiums and cost sharing.
 2. Expenses for necessary medical and remedial services recognized by state law but not included in the state plan.

Description of reasonable limitations:

Subsistence to obtain medical care; a limit of \$12 per day for meals is allowed for the client and the same for an attendant if one is necessary.

3. Expenses incurred earlier than the third month before the month of application as specified in section C.

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F. Spendedown Payments Made by Individuals

The state permits individuals to pay-in their spenddown liability.

- Yes
 No

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A. Medically Needy Resource Level Structure

1. The state employs a single resource level for the medically needy.
2. The resource level is equal to or higher than the lowest resource standard used under the most closely related cash assistance program.

Medically Needy Resource Level

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B. Resource Level Used

The level used is:

Household size	Standard
1	\$4000.00
2	\$6000.00
3	\$6025.00
4	\$6050.00
5	\$6075.00
6	\$6100.00
7	\$6125.00
8	\$6150.00
9	\$6175.00
10	\$6200.00

The state uses an additional incremental amount for larger household sizes.

- Yes
- No

Incremental Amount:
\$25.00

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C. Additional Information (optional)

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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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Qualifying Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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

Yes No

C. Additional Information (optional)

Nebraska elected to cover the adult group through SPA NE 19-0002. This SPA is effective October 1, 2020.

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:

- Adult Group

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Adult Group

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Non-pregnant individuals age 19 through 64, not otherwise mandatorily eligible, with income at or below 133% FPL.

Not Started

In Progress

Complete

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Group No Longer Covered

Covered Through ⓘ 9/30/2019

Terminated As Of ⓘ 10/1/2019

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income equal to or less than 100% of the FPL, who are entitled to Medicare Part A, and who qualify for Medicare cost-sharing.

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The state covers the mandatory qualified Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII (Medicare Part A), including individuals who have purchased a premium to enroll in Part A.
2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
 No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Medical Insurance Disregard	Disregard the amount of income equal to the monthly premiums paid for private/commercially available health insurance plans.
IDA Income Disregard	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
 No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

- The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

- Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

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C. Income Standard Used

The amount of the income standard for this group is 100% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment of co-insurance and deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B and C and payment for the premiums for Medicare Parts A and B.

Medical assistance begins the first day of the month following the month in which the individual is determined to qualify for this eligibility group.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income above 100% and below 120% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory specified low income Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
2. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
 No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Medical Insurance Disregard	Disregard the amount of income equal to the monthly premiums paid for private/commercially available health insurance plans.
IDA Income Disregard	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
 No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

- The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

- Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

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C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be above 100% FPL and below 120% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Qualifying Individuals

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Individuals with income at or above 120% and below 135% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory qualifying individuals group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
2. Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid under the state plan.
3. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

Qualifying Individuals

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Medical Insurance Disregard	Disregard the amount of income equal to the monthly premiums paid for private/commercially available health insurance plans.
IDA Income Disregard	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

- The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

- Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

Qualifying Individuals

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C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be at or above 120% FPL and below 135% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

Qualifying Individuals

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.

Yes No

The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paper-based state plan to MACPro):

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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Work Incentives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Basic		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	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.

Yes No

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

2. Optional Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

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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

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | NE2019MS0004O | NE-19-0005

Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have a disability, with income no higher than 100% FPL.

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The state covers the optional Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet at least one of the following condition(s):
 - a. Are age 65 or older; or
 - b. Have a disability.
2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

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B. Individuals Covered

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

- Yes
- No

Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income and resources. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

a. The state uses the same less restrictive income methodologies for all individuals covered.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Medical Insurance Disregard	Disregard the amount of income equal to the monthly premiums paid for private/commercially available health insurance plans.
IDA Income Disregard	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
- No

a. The state uses the same less restrictive resource methodologies for all individuals covered.

- Yes

No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Excess Resource Disregard	<p>Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1263 520 1440 877">1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need.<li data-bbox="1263 905 1440 1402">2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren). <p>Example Medicaid Bills Incurred Application Made Bills Paid Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 5, Mar. 25 March April Excess Resources Below Resources</p> <p>If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.</p> <p>This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and</p>

Name of disregard:	Description:
	<p>Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c)(4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act are excluded.

Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this eligibility group is:

- 1. 100% FPL
- 2. A lower percent of the FPL:

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E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is:

- 1. The resource limit for the SSI program; or
- 2. The resource limit used in the state's medically needy program, if higher.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Work Incentives

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | NE2019MS00040 | NE-19-0005

Individuals with a disability with income below 250% of the FPL, who would qualify for SSI except for earned income.

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The state covers the optional Work Incentives eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Have earned income.
2. Meet the SSI definition of disability, but for earned income.
3. Meet income and resource standards following a two-step process, which includes:
 - a. Step One - A comparison of family net income to 250% FPL; and
 - b. Step Two - A comparison of individual net income and resources to the SSI standards, excluding earned income.

Work Incentives

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B. Step One Financial Methodologies and Income Test

1. Financial methodologies

a. SSI methodologies are used in calculating family income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Medical Insurance Disregard	Disregard the amount of income equal to the monthly premiums paid for private/commercially available health insurance plans.
IDA Income Disregard	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

2. Income Test

Family net income must be less than 250% FPL. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies for the definition of family size.

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C. Step Two Financial Methodologies and Income/Resource Test

1. Financial methodologies

a. SSI methodologies are used in calculating income and resources, except that earned income is not counted. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The total amount of unearned income is disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard all unearned income contingent upon a trial work period (such as a Social Security Trial Work Periods). In determining eligibility for SSI in the individual eligibility determination required under Section 4733 of the Balanced Budget Act.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.
MIWD Resource Disregard	Disregard an additional \$2,000 per individual for a total of \$4,000 per individual and an additional \$3,000 per couple for a total of \$6,000 per couple. The purpose of this additional resource disregard is to aid in achieving self-sufficiency.

Name of disregard:	Description:
Excess Resource Disregard	<p>Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need. 2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren). <p>Example Medicaid Bills Incurred Application Made Bills Paid Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 5, Mar. 25 March April Excess Resources Below Resources</p> <p>If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.</p> <p>This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c) (4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

2. Income Test

For individuals who pass Step One, in Step Two, the individual's unearned income (plus deemed income, if appropriate) must be less than one of the following income standards:

- a. The SSI income standard.
- b. The income standard of the state supplement program.

3. Resource Test

The individual's resources must be less than the SSI resource standard.

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D. 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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E. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

Medically Needy Pregnant Women

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Woman who are pregnant or post-partum who would qualify under the state's Pregnant Women eligibility group, except for income.

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The state covers the Medically Needy Pregnant Women eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Are pregnant or post-partum, as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.
2. Would qualify under the Pregnant Women eligibility group, except for income.
3. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.
4. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. The financial methodology used is:

- a. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
- b. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
IDA Income	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

Name of disregard:	Description:
Excess Resource Disregard	<p>Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need. 2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren). <p>Example Medicaid Bills Incurred Application Made Bills Paid Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 5, Mar. 25 March April Excess Resources Below Resources</p> <p>If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.</p> <p>This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c) (4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

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C. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

Medically Needy Children under Age 18

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Children under age 18 who would qualify under the state's categorically needy eligibility groups, except for income.

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The state covers the Medically Needy Children under Age 18 eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Are under age 18.
2. Would qualify as categorically needy, except for income.
3. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.
4. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. The financial methodology used is:

- a. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
- b. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
IDA Income	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

Name of disregard:	Description:
Excess Resource Disregard	<p>Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need. 2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren). <p>Example Medicaid Bills Incurred Application Made Bills Paid Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 5, Mar. 25 March April Excess Resources Below Resources</p> <p>If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.</p> <p>This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c) (4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

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C. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives

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Parents and other caretaker relatives of dependent children who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet the definition of parent or caretaker relative, as described in the mandatory Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group.
2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.
3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. The financial methodology used is:

- a. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
- b. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
IDA Income	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

- Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
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Name of disregard:	Description:
Excess Resource Disregard	<p>Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need. 2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren). <p>Example Medicaid Bills Incurred Application Made Bills Paid Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 5, Mar. 25 March April Excess Resources Below Resources</p> <p>If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.</p> <p>This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c) (4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>
Life Estate Disregard	<p>Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for independence Act are excluded.

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C. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet at least one of the following:

- a. Are age 65 or older;
- b. Have blindness; or
- c. Have a disability.

2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.

3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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B. Individuals Covered

The state covers the following populations:

- 1. Individuals age 65 or older
- 2. Individuals with blindness
- 3. Individuals who have a disability

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. The state uses the same financial methodology for all individuals covered.

Yes

No

2. The financial methodology used is:

a. SSI methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
IDA Income	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

Interest is disregarded.

Description of disregard: All interest earned on an IDA account funded under the Assets for Independence Act is excluded.

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

Yes No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Life Estate Disregard	Exempt land or assets held as a life estate when the life tenant cannot sell the asset without agreement from the remainder interest holders.

Excess Resource
Name of disregard:
Disregard

Description:

Excess resources make the individual ineligible. Once the excess resources have been reduced to the allowable limit, eligibility may begin –

1. The first day of the month in which the resources are actually reduced to or below the allowable limit if the resources were not used to pay bills incurred in a prior month. The resources may be reduced by paying any bills or by purchasing any items of need.

2. The first day of the month in which the most recent bill (s) for maintenance or medical was incurred which was paid to reduce the excess resources. Maintenance needs include items such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and personal comfort items. Qualifying bills would be those incurred by the client, the client's spouse or dependent child(ren).

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Medicaid Bills
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5, Mar. 25 March
April
Excess Resources
Below Resources

If bills from Jan. 1 and Feb.3 were used to reduce resources, eligibility would begin Feb. 1 even though the bills were not actually paid until April.

This methodology would apply to all eligibility groups except deemed cash recipients and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary's. All of the requirements of 1917(c)(4) are met for individuals who dispose of resources for less

Name of disregard:	Description:
	<p>than fair market value.</p> <p>Eligibility will never begin before the third month before the month of application. From the date of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, an applicant has 90 days in which to spend down excess resources to become retroactively eligible for Medicaid.</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account

Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act are excluded.

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

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E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

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F. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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