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Beverly Mackereth, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

Dear Ms. Mackereth:


We have reviewed the proposed Pennsylvania's Federal Medical Assistance Payment (FMAP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), PA 14-0053 submitted to the Philadelphia Regional Office on December 9, 2014. This SPA describes the methodology used by the state for determining the appropriate FMAP rates, including the increased FMAP rates, available under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act applicable for the medical assistance expenditures under the Medicaid program associated with enrollees in the new adult group adopted by the state and described in 42 CFR 435.119.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid 14-0053 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2015. Enclosed are the approved Form CMS-179 and the Medicaid state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Mary McKeon at 215-861-4181.

Sincerely

/S/

 Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
14-0053

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

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
January 1, 2015

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:
42 CFR 435.119, 42 CFR 433.206, 42 CFR 440 Subpart C

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2015 Please refer to SPA 14-0046
b. FFY 2016 Please refer to SPA 14-0046

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Supplement 18 to Attachment 2.6A, Pages 1-6

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
FMAP Claiming

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Review and
approval authority has been delegated
to the Department of Public Welfare

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

/s/

13. TYPED NAME:

Beverly D. Mackereth

14. TITLE:

Secretary of Department of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

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16. RETURN TO:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
P.O. Box 8046
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105

17. DATE RECEIVED:

12-09-2014

18. DATE APPROVED:

12-31-2014

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19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

1-1-2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/s/

21. TYPED NAME:

FRANCIS McCullough

22. TITLE:

Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act

State: Pennsylvania

METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICABLE FMAP RATES

The State will determine the appropriate FMAP rate for expenditures for individuals enrolled in the adult group described in 42 CFR 435.119 and receiving benefits in accordance with 42 CFR Part 440 Subpart C. The adult group FMAP methodology consists of two parts: an individual-based determination related to enrolled individuals, and as applicable, appropriate population-based adjustments.

Part 1 – Adult Group Individual Income-Based Determinations

For individuals eligible in the adult group, the state will make an individual income-based determination for purposes of the adult group FMAP methodology by comparing individual income to the relevant converted income eligibility standards in effect on December 1, 2009, and included in the MAGI Conversion Plan (Part 2) approved by CMS on 12/24/2014. In general, and subject to any adjustments described in this SPA, under the adult group FMAP methodology, the expenditures of individuals with incomes below the relevant converted income standards for the applicable subgroup are considered as those for which the newly eligible FMAP is not available. The relevant MAGI-converted standards for each population group in the new adult group are described in Table 1.

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Table 1: Adult Group Eligibility Standards and FMAP Methodology Features

Covered Populations Within New Adult Group		Applicable Population Adjustment			
Population Group	Relevant Population Group Income Standard For each population group, indicate the lower of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reference in the MAGI Conversion Plan (Part 2) to the relevant income standard and the appropriate cross-reference, or 133% FPL If a population group was not covered as of 12/1/09, enter "Not covered".	Resource Proxy	Enrollment Cap	Special Circumstances	Other Adjustments
		Enter "Y" (Yes), "N" (No), or "NA" in the appropriate column to indicate if the population adjustment will apply to each population group. Provide additional information in corresponding attachments.			
A	B	C	D	E	F
Parents/Caretaker Relatives	Attachment A, Column C, Line 1 of Part 2 of the MAGI Conversion Plan	No	No	No	No
Disabled Persons, non-Institutionalized	Attachment A, Column C, Line 2 of Part 2 of the MAGI Conversion Plan	No	No	No	No
Disabled Persons, Institutionalized	Attachment A, Column C, Line 3 of Part 2 of the MAGI Conversion Plan	No	No	No	No
Children Age 19 or 20	Attachment A, Column C, Line 4 of Part 2 of the MAGI Conversion Plan	No	No	No	No
Childless Adults	Not covered	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Part 2 – Population-based Adjustments to the Newly Eligible Population
Based on Resource Test, Enrollment Cap or Special Circumstances**

A. Optional Resource Criteria Proxy Adjustment (42 CFR 433.206(d))

1. The state:

- ☐ Applies a resource proxy adjustment to a population group(s) that was subject to a resource test that was applicable on December 1, 2009.
- ☒ Does NOT apply a resource proxy adjustment (Skip items 2 through 3 and go to Section B).

Table 1 indicates the group or groups for which the state applies a resource proxy adjustment to the expenditures applicable for individuals eligible and enrolled under 42 CFR 435.119. A resource proxy adjustment is only permitted for a population group(s) that was subject to a resource test that was applicable on December 1, 2009.

The effective date(s) for application of the resource proxy adjustment is specified and described in Attachment B.

2. Data source used for resource proxy adjustments:

The state:

- ☐ Applies existing state data from periods before January 1, 2014.
- ☐ Applies data obtained through a post-eligibility statistically valid sample of individuals.

Data used in resource proxy adjustments is described in Attachment B.

3. Resource Proxy Methodology: Attachment B describes the sampling approach or other methodology used for calculating the adjustment.

B. Enrollment Cap Adjustment (42 CFR 433.206(e))

- 1.** ☐ An enrollment cap adjustment is applied by the state (complete items 2 through 4).
- ☒ An enrollment cap adjustment is not applied by the state (skip items 2 through 4 and go to Section C).

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2. Attachment C describes any enrollment caps authorized in section 1115 demonstrations as of December 1, 2009 that are applicable to populations that the state covers in the eligibility group described at 42 CFR 435.119 and received full benefits, benchmark benefits, or benchmark equivalent benefits as determined by CMS. The enrollment cap or caps are as specified in the applicable section 1115 demonstration special terms and conditions as confirmed by CMS, or in alternative authorized cap or caps as confirmed by CMS. Attach CMS correspondence confirming the applicable enrollment cap(s).
 3. The state applies a combined enrollment cap adjustment for purposes of claiming FMAP in the adult group:
☐ Yes. The combined enrollment cap adjustment is described in Attachment C
☐ No.
 4. Enrollment Cap Methodology: Attachment C describes the methodology for calculating the enrollment cap adjustment, including the use of combined enrollment caps, if applicable.
- C. Special Circumstances (42 CFR 433.206(g)) and Other Adjustments to the Adult Group FMAP Methodology
1. The state:
☐ Applies a special circumstances adjustment(s).
☒ Does not apply a special circumstances adjustment.
 2. The state:
☐ Applies additional adjustment(s) to the adult group FMAP methodology (complete item 3).
☒ Does not apply any additional adjustment(s) to the adult group FMAP methodology (skip item 3 and go to Part 3).
 3. Attachment D describes the special circumstances and other proxy adjustment(s) that are applied, including the population groups to which the adjustments apply and the methodology for calculating the adjustments.

Part 3 – One-Time Transitions of Previously Covered Populations into the New Adult Group

A. Transitioning Previous Section 1115 and State Plan Populations to the New Adult Group

- ☐ Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid coverage through a section 1115 demonstration program or a mandatory or optional state plan eligibility category will be transitioned to the new adult group described in 42 CFR 435.119 in accordance with a CMS-approved transition plan and/or a section 1902(e)(14)(A) waiver. For purposes of claiming federal funding at the appropriate FMAP for the populations transitioned to new adult group, the adult group FMAP methodology is applied pursuant to and as described in Attachment E, and where applicable, is subject to any special circumstances or other adjustments described in Attachment D.
- ☒ The state does not have any relevant populations requiring such transitions.

Part 4 - Applicability of Special FMAP Rates

A. Expansion State Designation

The state:

- ☒ Does NOT meet the definition of expansion state in 42 CFR 433.204(b). (Skip section B and go to Part 5)
- ☐ Meets the definition of expansion state as defined in 42 CFR 433.204(b), determined in accordance with the CMS letter confirming expansion state status, dated _____.

B. Qualification for Temporary 2.2 Percentage Point Increase in FMAP.

The state:

- ☒ Does NOT qualify for temporary 2.2 percentage point increase in FMAP under 42 CFR 433.10(c)(7).
- ☐ Qualifies for temporary 2.2 percentage point increase in FMAP under 42 CFR 433.10(c)(7), determined in accordance with the CMS letter confirming eligibility for the temporary FMAP increase, dated _____. The state will not claim any federal funding for individuals determined eligible under 42 CFR 435.119 at the FMAP rate described in 42 CFR 433.10(c)(6).

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Part 5 - State Attestations

The State attests to the following:

- A. The application of the adult group FMAP methodology will not affect the timing or approval of any individual's eligibility for Medicaid.
- B. The application of the adult group FMAP methodology will not be biased in such a manner as to inappropriately establish the numbers of, or medical assistance expenditures for, individuals determined to be newly or not newly eligible.

ATTACHMENTS

Not all of the attachments indicated below will apply to all states; some attachments may describe methodologies for multiple population groups within the new adult group. Indicate those of the following attachments which are included with this SPA:

- ☒ Attachment A – Conversion Plan Standards Referenced in Table 1
- ☐ Attachment B – Resource Criteria Proxy Methodology
- ☐ Attachment C – Enrollment Cap Methodology
- ☐ Attachment D – Special Circumstances Adjustment and Other Adjustments to the Adult Group FMAP Methodology
- ☐ Attachment E – Transition Methodologies

PRA Disclosure Statement

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Attachment A

Most Recent Updated Summary Information for Part 2 of the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Conversion Plan**
PENNSYLVANIA

12/04/2014

	Population Group	Net standard as of 12/1/09	Converted standard for FMAP claiming	Same as converted eligibility standard? (yes, no, or n/a)	Source of information in Column C (New SIPP conversion or Part 1 of approved state MAGI conversion plan)	Data source for Conversion (SIPP or state data)
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Conversions for FMAP Claiming Purposes						
1	Parents/Caretaker Relatives					
	Dollar standards by family size*					
	1	*	\$259			
	2	*	\$390			
	3	*	\$496	no	Weighted average created from Part 1 of approved state MAGI conversion plan	SIPP
	4	*	\$609			
	5	*	\$720			
	6	*	\$819			
	add-on	\$83	\$103			
2	Noninstitutionalized Disabled Persons	100%	102%	n/a	new SIPP conversion	SIPP
	FPL %					
3	Institutionalized Disabled Persons	300%	300%	n/a	ABD conversion template	n/a
	SSI FBR%					
4	Children Ages 19-20					
	Dollar standards by family size					
	1	*	\$259			
	2	*	\$389			
	3	*	\$496	no	Weighted average created from Part 1 of approved state MAGI conversion plan	SIPP
	4	*	\$608			
	5	*	\$719			
	6	*	\$818			
	add-on	\$83	\$103			
5	Childless Adults	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

n/a: Not applicable.

*Converted standards are weighted average of four sets of converted regional standards for AFDC 1996 group.

** The numbers in this summary chart will be updated automatically in the case of modifications in the CMS approved MAGI Conversion Plan

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