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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

April 08, 2021

Adam Crum Commissioner Department of Health and Social Services 3601 C Street Suite 902 Anchorage, AK 99503

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment AK-21-0001

Dear Adam Crum,

On January 14, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) AK-21-0001 to update the optional state supplement program's annual income standards consistent with the federal register.

We approve Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) AK-21-0001 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact MARIA GARZA at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely, James G. Scott

Director

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives The SPA updates the income standards for recipients of Alaska's Optional State Supplemental Payments. In Alaska, individuals are able to qualify for Medicaid Optional State Supplemental Payments. In Alaska, individuals are able to qualify for SPA updates the income standards for recipients of Alaska's Optional State Supplemental Payments. In Alaska, individuals are able to qualify for SPA updates the income standards for recipients of Alaska's Optional State Supplemental Payments. In Alaska, individuals are able to qualify for SPA updates the income standards for recipients of Alaska's Optional State Supplemental Payments. In Alaska, individuals are able to qualify for SPA updates the income standards for recipients of Alaska's Optional State Supplemental Payments.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2021	\$0
Second	2022	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.234 and 42 CFR 435.210

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

No comment
O Comments received
O No response within 45 days

Other

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$Indicate\ whether\ public\ comment\ was\ solicited\ with\ respect\ to\ this\ submission.$

- Public notice was not federally required and comment was not solicited
- \bigcirc Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited
- O Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

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One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care
services in this state

Yes

○ No

This state plan amendment is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations, as described in the state consultation plan.

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○ Yes No

Indian Organizations: Medicaid program.

Explain why this SPA is not likely Alaska did not conduct tribal consultation on this SPA to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban as the only change was the updating of income standards. These are not changes dictated by the state

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Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

• Yes O 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 ②	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🛭
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of ndividuals under Age 21	P			0	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	P			0	CONVERTED
ndependent Foster Care Adolescents	P			\circ	NEW
Optional Targeted Low ncome Children	P			0	CONVERTED
ndividuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	P			\circ	NEW
ndividuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	9			0	NEW
ndividuals Eligible for Family lanning Services	P			0	NEW
ndividuals with Tuberculosis	P			0	NEW
ndividuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	9			0	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	P		Г	0	APPROVED
ndividuals Eligible for Cash Except for nstitutionalization	P			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	9			0	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	P	Г	Г	0	APPROVED
ndividuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special ncome Level	P	С		0	NEW
PACE Participants	9			0	NEW
ndividuals Receiving Hospice	9			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 🥹	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🛭
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	P			0	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level	P			0	NEW
Work Incentives	P			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic	P			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	P			0	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	P			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community- Based Services	P			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community- Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	P			0	NEW

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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

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O Yes
No

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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:

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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Individuals who are eligible for but not receiving federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Inc	Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:				
1.	1. Meet the eligibility requirements of at least one of the following cash assistance programs				
	a. SSI				
	_ b. Optional State Supplement				

_ c. AFDC

2. Do not receive cash assistance under these programs.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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B. Individuals Covered

 The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in sect

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Yes

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Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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C. Financial Methodolo	ogies		
	nd resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the b GI Methodologies, completed by the state.	asis of being age 65 or older or having	g blindness or disability, SSI methodologies are used.
3. Less restrictive methodologies are	used in calculating countable income.		
• Yes			
○ No			
The less restrictive income methodolo	ogies are:		
General income disregard:			
		Name of disregard:	Description:
		2021 Income Disregard	In 2021, for individuals, countable income between \$1,156 and \$1,474 is disregarded, and for couples, countable income between \$1,719 and \$2,183 is disregarded.
A specified type of income is disre	garded:		
		Name of income type:	Description:
		Name of income type.	Description.
		(1) Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend; Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; AmeriCorps	
Specific income changes are disreg	garded between redeterminations.		

_ Specific income changes are disre	egarded between redeterminations.
	Specified income changes are disregarded:

Name of disregard:	Description:
AK Permanent Fund Dividend;	Changes in income related to the receipt of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend are disregarded.
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act	Cash distributions from Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations up to \$2,000 per individual per calendar year are excluded as a cash resource each year, are excluded indefinitely, and do not affect the exclusion of cash distributions made in subsequent years.

	Name of resource type:	Description:
A specified type of resource is disregarded:		
The less restrictive resource methodologies are:		
○ No		
• Yes		
4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.		
		subsequent years

Name of resource type:	Description:		
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act	Cash distributions from Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations up to \$2,000 per individual per calendar year are excluded as a cash resource each year, are excluded indefinitely, and do not affect the exclusion of cash distributions made in subsequent years.		
Permanent Fund Dividend Program	Dividend and benefit payments received from the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Program are excluded from consideration as countable resources.		

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries

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Individuals who receive an optional state supplementary payment.

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The state covers the Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Receive an optional state supplement that meets the conditions described in sections C and D.

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- 2. Except for income, would be eligible for SSI.
- 3. Do not have gross income exceeding 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

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B. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section.	1 The state cover	s all individuals who meet	the characteristics	described in section .
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Yes

○ No

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C. Optional State Supplement Program

- 1. The optional state supplement program is administered:
 - a. Solely by the federal government. The state has an agreement with the Social Security Administration under section 1616 of the Act regarding the administration of optional state supplementary payments.
 - Ob. By a combination of federal and state administration. The state has an agreement with the Social Security Administration under section 1616 of the Act regarding the administration of optional state supplementary payments for some classifications of individuals, while state supplementary payments for other classifications of individuals are administered by the state.
 - oc. Solely by the state.

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- 2. Payments under the optional state supplement program are:
 - a. Based on need and paid in cash on a regular basis;
 - b. Equal to the difference between the individual's countable income and the income standard used to determine eligibility for supplement; and
 - c. Available to all individuals in each population selected in section B.

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D. Income Standard of	Optional S	tate Supplement Prog	gram		
1. The income standard for the option	nal state suppleme	ent:			
	a. Varies by politic	cal subdivision.			
	○Yes				
	No				
	b. Varies by paym	Varies by payment classification.			
	Yes				
	○ No				
		The payment classifications used a	re:		
		i. All individuals age 65 or older,	regardless of living	arrangement.	
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		iii. All individuals who have a dis	sability, regardless of	f living arrangement.	
		iv. Independent living.			
			Income Stan	dard	
			Individual	Couple	
			\$1156.00	\$1719.00	
		v. Living in household of anothe	er.		
			Income Stan	dard	
			Individual	Couple	
			\$897.00	\$1337.00	
		vi. Independent living and receive	ving non-medical car	re outside the home.	
		vii. Living in household of anoth	er and receiving nor	n-medical care outside the ho	me.
		viii. Living in a domiciliary facility	y or other group livir	ng arrangement.	
		ix. Other payment classification			
			Name of Classif	fication	Description:
			Independent Livi	ing	Independent Living
			Individual		Couple
			\$1156.00		\$1719.00
			Name of Classif	fication	Description:
			Living in a House	ehold of Another	Living in a Household of Another
			Individual		Couple
			\$897.00		\$1337.00
			Name of Classif	fication	Description:
			Institutionalized		Institutionalized
			Individual		Couple
			\$200.00		\$400.00
			Name of Classif	fication	Description:
			Assisted Living H	lome	Assisted Living Home
			Individual		Couple
			\$894.00		\$1391.00

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