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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
Services 601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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July 11, 2025

Louise Kuaea  
Medicaid Director  
American Samoa Medicaid State Agency  
American Samoa Government  
ASTCA Executive Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Pago Pago, AS 96799

Re: American Samoa State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0001

Dear Director Kuaea:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0001. This amendment invokes 1902(j) authority to exempt American Samoa from the requirements under 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in 1902(a)(84)(D) and 1902(j) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 431.56. This letter is to inform you that American Samoa's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 25-0001 was approved on July 10, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the American Samoa State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or via email at [Maria.Garza@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Maria.Garza@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Shantrina Roberts, Acting Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Faiilagi Poufa-Faiai, Deputy Director  
Matilda Kruse

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 0 1

2. STATE

A S3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY ACT

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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

1902(a)(84) and 1902(j)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 0.00\$ 0b. FFY 0.00\$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 3.1-M, pages 1-2 (NEW)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

AS formally elects to apply 1902(j) waiver authority to exempt territory from the requirements under section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the A

10. 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:

E OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Louise Kuaea

13. TITLE

Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

5/29/2025

15. RETURN TO

American Samoa Medicaid State Agency

ASTCA Executive Office Building

PO Box 6101

Pago Pago, Am. Samoa 96799

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16. DATE RECEIVED

June 4, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

July 10, 2025

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

January 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Shantrina Roberts

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

**Mandatory Coverage for  
Eligible Juveniles who are  
Inmates of a Public Institution  
Post Adjudication of Charges**

State/Territory: **American Samoa**

General assurances. State must indicate compliance with all four items below with a check.

☐ In accordance with section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act, the state has an internal operational plan and, in accordance with such plan, provides for the following for eligible juveniles as defined in 1902(n) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication:

☐ In the 30 days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release from the public institution), and in coordination with the public institution, any screenings and diagnostic services which meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice, as determined by the state, or as otherwise indicated as medically necessary, in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements, including a behavioral health screening or diagnostic service.

☐ In the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release, targeted case management services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan).

☐ The state acknowledges that a correctional institution is considered a public institution and may include prisons, jails, detention facilities, or other penal settings (e.g., boot camps or wilderness camps).

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Additional information provided (optional):

☐ No

☒ Yes [provide below]

Consistent with the authority described in section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act, the requirement for American Samoa to comply with the requirements of section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Act is waived. As a result, American Samoa is not required to provide for the mandatory coverage described at section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Act for eligible juveniles who are inmates of a public institution post-adjudication of the charges.

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