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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

May 19, 2025

Andrea Barton Reeves Commissioner DSS 55 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment CT-25-0012

Dear Andrea Barton Reeves,

On March 28, 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) CT-25-0012, in which the state proposed to memorialize the new income standards for its optional state supplement program, the beneficiaries of which are eligible for Medicaid under Connecticut's state plan.

We approve Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) CT-25-0012 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Marie DiMartino at marie.dimartino@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

Shantrina Roberts

Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including The Department of Social Services (DSS) plans to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) (CT-25-0012) Goals and Objectives to the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which is summarized below.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Department will implement a 2.5% COLA increase in unearned income disregard for State Supplemental Cash Assistance. This SPA will be "passing through" the full SSI COLA increase to State Supplement cash recipients effective with benefits issued January 1, 2025 via an increase in the DSS unearned income disregard. Therefore, the only anticipated cost will be related to a small difference (i.e., \$6/month) for married couples. Pursuant to Section 1618 of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations, the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) determines if the COLA will count as income when calculating eligibility for the state's Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) supplemental cash assistance program. DSS calculates whether maintaining current AABD expenditures will result in lower income for recipients when compared to AABD benefits issued in the benchmark year of 1983, plus the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount for 1983, plus any federal SSI COLA increases since the benchmark year. If so, federal Medicaid funding is reduced.

After DSS review, the 2025 federal COLA will not count as income in the AABD program. Effective with AABD benefits issued January 2025, the full federal 2.5% COLA will be disregarded as countable income by increasing the amount of unearned income not counted when calculating eligibility for AABD by the amount of the federal COLA. By not counting the amount of the federal COLA as income in the AABD cash assistance program, DSS satisfies federal maintenance of effort requirements and federal funding for Medicaid is maintained.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2025	\$0
Second	2026	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.234 20 CFR 416.2095-416.2099

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

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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility **Optional Eligibility Groups** MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | CT2025MS00010 | CT-25-0012 CMS-10434 OMB 0938-1188 Package Header Package ID CT2025MS0001O SPA ID CT-25-0012 Initial Submission Date 3/28/2025 Submission Type Official Approval Date 05/19/2025 Effective Date 1/1/2025 Superseded SPA ID CT-24-0015 User-Entered A. Options for Coverage The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals. 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 paperbased state plan to MACPro): Families and Adults Include RU In Package Included in Another Covered In State Plan **Eligibility Group Name** Source Type 🕝 **Submission Package** Optional Coverage of ø NEW Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives Reasonable Classifications of 1 NEW Individuals under Age Children with Non-IV-E Ø V CONVERTED Adoption Assistance Independent Foster Ø **4** CONVERTED Care Adolescents Optional Targeted Low P NEW Income Children Individuals above 133% NEW FPL under Age 65 Individuals Needing P V NEW Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer Individuals Eligible for 1 Family Planning V CONVERTED Services Individuals with 1 V CONVERTED Tuberculosis Individuals Electing **COBRA Continuation** 1 NEW Coverage

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		0	0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	P	2		0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	P			0	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	•	☑	~	0	APPROVED
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	9	~		0	NEW
PACE Participants	P			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice	•			0	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	P			0	NEW
Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	•		_	0	NEW
Work Incentives	P	✓		•	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic	P	▽	В	•	NEW
Ticket to W ork Medical Improvements	•	☑	В	•	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	9		п	0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	P	☑		•	APPROVED

Optional Eligibility Groups MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | CT2025MS00010 | CT-25-0012 **Package Header** Package ID CT2025MS0001O **SPA ID** CT-25-0012 Submission Type Official Initial Submission Date 3/28/2025 Approval Date 05/19/2025 Effective Date 1/1/2025 Superseded SPA ID CT-24-0015 User-Entered **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** Include RU In Package Included in Another Covered In State Plan Eligibility Group Name Source Type 🕝 Submission Package Medically Needy 1 **~** NEW Pregnant Women Medically Needy Ø **~** NFW Children under Age 18 Aged, Blind and Disabled Include RU In Package Included in Another Covered In State Plan **Eligibility Group Name** Source Type 🕝 **Submission Package** a Protected Medically 0 V Needy Individuals Who NEW Were Eligible in 1973 2. Optional Medically Needy: **Families and Adults** Include RU In Package Included in Another Covered In State Plan **Eligibility Group Name** Source Type 😯 **Submission Package** Medically Needy Reasonable Ð Classifications of NEW Individuals under Age 21 Medically Needy 1 V NEW Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives Aged, Blind and Disabled Include RU In Package Included in Another Covered In State Plan **Eligibility Group Name** Source Type 🕝 0 **Submission Package** Medically Needy Populations Based on 0 V NEW Age, Blindness or Disability

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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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N/A

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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.
- 2. Except for income, would be eligible for:

• b. The mandatory eligibility group for 209(b) states

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 A.

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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Solely by the state.
- 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 State Supplement Program

. The income standard for the optional state suppleme	nt:	
a. Varies by politic	a. Varies by political subdivision.	
Yes		
No		
b. Varies by paym	ent classification.	
• Yes		
○ No		
	The payment classifications used are:	
	i. All individuals age 65 or older, regardless of living arrangement.	
	ii. All individuals who have blindness, regardless of living arrangement.	
	iii. All individuals who have a disability, regardless of living arrangement.	
	iv. Independent living.	
	v. Living in household of another.	
	vi. Independent living and receiving non-medical care outside the home.	
	vii. Living in household of another and receiving non-medical care outside the home.	
	viii. Living in a domiciliary facility or other group living arrangement.	
	☑ ix. Other payment classification.	
	Name of Classification Description:	

Independent Living (Level 1)	For independent living arrangements (Level 1), the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$197.35 for a single person and an allowance for shelter. The shelter component of the standard is the actual cost, as paid, up the specific maximum of \$400.00 for a single individual living alone There is a no income standard for a couple as Level 1 indicates living alone. System would not allow entry of 0.00
Individual	Couple
\$597.35	\$0.01
Name of Classification	Description:
Independent Living (Level 2)	For independent living arrangements (Level 2), the

his or her spouse and an allowance for shelter. The shelter component of the standard is the actual cost, as paid, up the specific maximum of \$200.00

Individual

\$398.55

Couple

\$797.10

Name of Classification

New Horizons (unshared)

Description:

For the New Horizons living arrangement (unshared), the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$156.82 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2366 for an individual living alone. There is no income standard for a couple as unshared indicates living alone.

Individual

\$2366.00

Couple \$0.01

Description:

New Horizons shared with unrelated person

Name of Classification

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$156.82 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2298.10 for an individual living with an unrelated person. There is no income standard for a couple as shared with an unrelated person indicates not married.

Individual

\$2298.10

Couple \$0.01

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New Horizon shared w/related person/two eligible

Name of Classification

Description:

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$156.82 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2366 for an individual living with a related person and \$4732 for a couple with 2 eligible members.

Individual

\$2366.00

Couple \$4732.00

Name of Classification D

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Description:

New Horizon shared w/related person/one eligible

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of

Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$156.82 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2,366 for an individual living alone or with a related person and \$5,267 for a couple with one eligible member

Individual

\$2366.00

Name of Classification

Domiciliary with one eligible member

Couple \$5267.00

Description:

For domiciliary living arrangements, the standard includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$34.75 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for room and board set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for domiciliary living arrangements is \$2458.30 for an individual and \$5359.30 for a couple with one eligible member

Individual

\$2458.30

Name of Classification

Domiciliary with two eligible members

Couple \$5359.30

Description:

For domiciliary living arrangements, the standard includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$34.75 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for room and board set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for domiciliary living arrangements is \$2458.30 for an individual and \$4916.60 for a couple with two eligible member.

Individual

\$2458.30

Couple \$4916.60

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