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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

March 17, 2026

Meredith Nichols
Acting Administrator
Med-QUEST Division (MQD)
Office of the Director, Department of Human Services
PO Box 339
Honolulu, HI 96809-0339

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment HI-25-0016

Dear Acting Administrator Nichols,

On January 2, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Hawaii State Plan Amendment (SPA) HI-25-0016, in which the state proposed to remove the income and resource standards for the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) Basic Eligibility Group.

We approve Hawaii State Plan Amendment (SPA) HI-25-0016 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Sasha Zolynas at sasha.zolynas@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight

On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG
Director

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Hawaii

Medicaid Agency Name: Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
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SPA ID and Effective Date

SPA ID HI-25-0016

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Optional Eligibility Groups	1/1/2026	HI-25-0001
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives 25-0016 Ticket to Work Basic Reviewable Unit updates 21-0004 by removing the income and resource standards, effective 01/01/26.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2026	\$0
Second	2027	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV), Act 155, (2019) Earned Income Disregard or "Kal's Law".

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 Hawaii allows for Medicaid Director to review and authorize under current Governor.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Work Incentives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
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

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<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 ?
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 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 ?
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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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

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Ticket to Work Basic

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Individuals between ages 16 and 64 with a disability, who have earned income.

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The state covers the optional Ticket to Work basic eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

Ticket to Work Basic

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A. Characteristics

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

1. Are at least age 16 but less than 65 years of age.
2. Have earned income.
3. But for earned income, meet the SSI definition of disability.
4. Have income and resources that do not exceed the standards established by the state.

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income and resources.

- Yes
 No

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

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

- Yes
 No

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

- Yes
 No

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C. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this group is:

- 1. No income standard
- 2. A percentage of the federal poverty level:
- 3. A percentage of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate:
- 4. A dollar amount
- 5. Other

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D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard for this group is:

- 1. No resource standard
- 2. SSI resource standard
- 4. A dollar amount higher than the SSI resource standard

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E. 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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