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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

June 01, 2023

Kathleen E. Walsh
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment MA-22-0026

Dear Secretary Walsh,

On September 30, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-22-0026, in which the state proposed to adopt certain income disregards for the determinations of eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) groups.

We approve Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) MA-22-0026 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2023.

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

Sincerely,
James G. Scott
Director, Division of Program Operations
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

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Medicaid Agency Name: Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Office of Medicaid

Submission Component

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives An amendment to increase the income limits for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) effective January 1, 2023.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2022	\$57900000
Second	2023	\$77200000

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR Part 447

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 Not required under 42 CFR 430.12(b)(2)(i)

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Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Infants and Children under Age 19		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
SSI Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Working Individuals under 1619(b)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Qualifying Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

Yes No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Adult Group		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED

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 - Mandatory Coverage

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income equal to or less than 100% of the FPL, who are entitled to Medicare Part A, and who qualify for Medicare cost-sharing.

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The state covers the mandatory qualified Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII (Medicare Part A), including individuals who have purchased a premium to enroll in Part A.
2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- Between the following percentages of the FPL:
- Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
- Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:

FPL 100.00%
and
FPL 190.00%

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
22-0026 MSP Disregard	Disregard the amount equal to the full-benefit Medicare Part D Extra Help resource limit, so that the effective resource standard is two times the MSP resource limit.

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
Veteran Annuity	Disregard state veteran annuity payments under Section 6b of Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Law.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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C. Income Standard Used

The amount of the income standard for this group is 100% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment of co-insurance and deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B and C and payment for the premiums for Medicare Parts A and B.

Medical assistance begins the first day of the month following the month in which the individual is determined to qualify for this eligibility group.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income above 100% and below 120% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory specified low income Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
2. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- Between the following percentages of the FPL:
- Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
- Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:

FPL 120.00%
and
FPL 210.00%

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

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
22-0026 MSP Disregard	Disregard the amount equal to the full-benefit Medicare Part D Extra Help resource limit, so that the effective resource standard is two times the MSP resource limit.

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
Veteran Annuity	Disregard state veteran annuity payments under Section 6b of Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Law.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be above 100% FPL and below 120% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Qualifying Individuals

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Individuals with income at or above 120% and below 135% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory qualifying individuals group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
2. Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid under the state plan.
3. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

Qualifying Individuals

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- Between other income standards:

FPL 135.00%
and
FPL 225.00%

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- Yes
- No

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