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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0033

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-26-12
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June 2, 2023

Kathleen E. Walsh, Secretary
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Office of Medicaid
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0033

Dear Secretary Walsh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0033. This amendment proposes to temporarily extend certain income disregards, that would have otherwise been counted, for the purposes of determining eligibility originally approved in Disaster Relief SPA 23-0026.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Massachusetts' Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 23-0033 is approved effective May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie DiMartino at (617) 565-9157 or by email at Marie.DiMartino@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa M.
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Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 3 — 0 0 3 3</u>	2. STATE <u>M A</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 05/12/2023
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5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Title 19 of the Social Security Act; Section 1135 of the Social Security Act;	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY ²³ \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY ²⁴ \$ <u>0</u>
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7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Section 7.4.B., Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
An amendment to disregard certain income, that would have otherwise been counted, for the purposes of determining eligibility

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

12. TYPED NAME Mike Levine	15. RETURN TO Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid One Ashburton Place, Room 1109 Boston, MA 02108
13. TITLE Assistant Secretary for MassHealth	
14. DATE SUBMITTED 05/11/23	
11. [REDACTED]	

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16. DATE RECEIVED 05/11/2023	17. DATE APPROVED 06/02/2023
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL 05/12/2023	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa M. Deboy -S Digitally signed by Alissa M. Deboy -S Date: 2023.06.02 07:38:08 -04'00'
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa Mooney DeBoy on Behalf of Anne Marie Costello	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Deputy Director Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

22. REMARKS
05/31/23: State authorized pen and ink change to Box 5 to strike-through Section 1135 reference.

Section 7.4.B., “Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency”

Effective May 12, 2023 until March 31, 2024, the agency temporarily extends the following election(s) in section 7.4 (approved on 4/3/2023 in SPA Number MA-23-0026) of the state plan.

Section A – Eligibility

3. X The agency applies less restrictive financial methodologies to individuals excepted from financial methodologies based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) as follows.

Less restrictive resource methodologies:

For all individuals subject to the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules, income that would have otherwise been part of an individual’s liability for their institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the PETI rules, but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020, shall be disregarded.