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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group 601 E. 12th Street Room 355 Kansas City, MO 64106

## **Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services**

January 12, 2024

Michelle Probert Director Office of MaineCare Services 109 Capitol Street 11 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330-0011

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment ME 23-0024

Dear Michelle Probert,

On September 29, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Maine State Plan Amendment (SPA) ME 23-0024, in which the state proposed to eliminate the resource test for the QMB, SLMB, and QI eligibility groups.

We approve Maine State Plan Amendment (SPA) ME 23-0024 with an effective date of January 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Gilson DaSilva at Gilson.DaSilva@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott

Director, Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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### **State Information**

State/Territory Name: Maine

**Submission Component** 

State Plan Amendment

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Medicaid Agency Name: Office of MaineCare Services

Medicaid

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## **SPA ID and Effective Date**

**SPA ID** ME-23-0024

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Mandatory Eligibility Groups	1/1/2024	ME-23-0011
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	1/1/2024	ME-19-0001
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	1/1/2024	ME-19-0001
Qualifying Individuals	1/1/2024	ME-19-0001

## **Submission - Summary**

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Superseded SPA ID N/A

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## **Executive Summary**

Summary Description Including This SPA eliminates the resource test for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Goals and Objectives Beneficiaries (SLMB), and Qualifying Individuals (QI).

## **Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation**

#### **Federal Budget Impact**

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$1015910
Second	2025	\$3305126

#### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1902(a)(10)(E)(i)

1905(p)(1)

1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) and (iv)

#### Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

Name	Date Created	
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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

## **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	ø	✓		•	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	ø	<b></b>		0	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women	ø	<b>✓</b>			CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns	P	$\checkmark$		0	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care	ø	<b></b> The state of the state</td <td></td> <td>0</td> <td>NEW</td>		0	NEW
Former Foster Care Children	ø	✓		0	APPROVED
Transitional Medical Assistance	9	✓		0	APPROVED
extended Medicaid due o Spousal Support Collections	9			0	NEW

### Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
SSI Beneficiaries	P	<b></b>		0	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups	Ø	<b></b>		0	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI	P			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🔞
Working Individuals under 1619(b)	P	<b>✓</b>		0	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	P	<u></u>	M	0	APPROVED
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	P	<b>⋈</b>		0	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	P	<u></u>	M	0	APPROVED
Qualifying Individuals	<b>9</b>	✓	✓	0	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	<b>9</b>	✓		0	APPROVED

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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## **Medicaid State Plan Eligibility**

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.
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Yes

O 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

Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate
and:

Between other income standards:

Income from household members is disregarded.

Income of the spouse is disregarded.

General income disregard:

**FPL** 100.00%

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and

**FPL** 150.00%

**Description:** Disregard from the income deemed

from the ineligible spouse an amount equal to the Supplemental Security Income ineligible child allocation

amount.

Name of disregard:	Description:
Dependent Child Allocation	The eligible couple or individual and/or spouse will allocate income up to the SSI/State Supplement child living allowance to each child residing with them and for whom they are financially responsible.
	The amount of income allocated will be the difference between the child's countable income and the child living allowance.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
In-Kind	Income in-kind will be excluded.
Individual Development Account	all otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA funded under the assets for Independence Act is excluded.
	All otherwise countable income deposited in an IDA authorized under section 404 is excluded.

Name of income type:	Description:
	Interest earned on an IDA is also Excluded.

Specified less restrictive methodologies are used for the treatment of changes in income:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Social Security & Railroad Retirement COLA	When the annual Social Security and Railroad Retirement COLAs and Federal Poverty Level adjustments cause ineligibility, disregard the most recent Social Security/Railroad Retirement COLA increase.  The disregard continues until the individual loses coverage for any other reason for three (3) consecutive months.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Federal and State Disregards	Methodologies used in treating income will be the same as used by the cash programs and include a \$55 per individual/\$80 per couple state disregard.
Children Attending School with Earnings	The first \$1640 per month of earned income, not to exceed \$6660 per calendar year, is excluded for a student attending school regularly as defined by the learning institution.

Yes

No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

 $\ensuremath{{\boxed{$\square$}}}$  All resources are disregarded. No resource test is applied.

#### **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.

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#### **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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## F. Additional Information (optional)

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## Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

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. L	ess restrictive.	methodologies	are used in	calculating	countable income.
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Yes

O 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

Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate
and:

Between other income standards:

Income from household members is disregarded.

☑ Income of the spouse is disregarded.

 $\textbf{Description:} \quad \text{Disregard from the income deemed}$ 

from the ineligible spouse an amount equal to the Supplemental Security Income ineligible child allocation

amount.

**FPL** 120.00%

**FPL** 170.00%

and

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General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Dependent Child Allocation	The eligible couple or individual and/or spouse will allocate income up to the SSI/State Supplement child living allowance to each child residing with them and for whom they are financially responsible.  The amount of income allocated will be the difference between the child's countable income and the child living allowance.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
In-Kind	Income in-kind will be excluded.
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Name of income type:	Description:
	Interest earned on an IDA is also Excluded.

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Name of methodology:	Description:
Social Security & Railroad Retirement COLA	When the annual Social Security and Railroad Retirement COLAs and Federal Poverty Level adjustments cause ineligibility, disregard the most recent Social Security/Railroad Retirement COLA increase.  The disregard continues until the individual loses coverage for any other reason for three (3) consecutive months.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Federal and State Disregards	Methodologies used in treating income will be the same as used by the cash programs and include a \$55 per individual/\$80 per couple state disregard.
Children Attending School with Earnings	The first \$1640 per month of earned income, not to exceed \$6660 per calendar year, is excluded for a student attending school regularly as defined by the learning institution.

Yes

No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

 $\ensuremath{{\boxed{$\square$}}}$  All resources are disregarded. No resource test is applied.

## 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.

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#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

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

## Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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## **Medicaid State Plan Eligibility**

## Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

### **Qualifying Individuals**

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | ME2023MS0005O | ME-23-0024

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

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Yes

O No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

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 Between the following percentages of the FPL:

 Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the

Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate

Between other income standards:

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Income of the spouse is disregarded.

**Description:** Disregard from the income deemed from the ineligible spouse an amount equal to the Supplemental Security Income ineligible child allocation

amount.

FPL 135.00%

**FPL** 185.00%

and

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General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Dependent Child Allocation	The eligible couple or individual and/or spouse will allocate income up to the SSI/State Supplement child living allowance to each child residing with them and for whom they are financially responsible.  The amount of income allocated will be the difference between the child's countable income and the child living allowance.

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The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

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Children Attending School with Earnings	The first \$1640 per month of earned income, not to exceed \$6660 per calendar year, is excluded for a student attending school regularly as defined by the learning institution.

Yes

No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

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## **Qualifying Individuals**

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## C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be at or above 120% FPL and below 135% FPL.

#### D. Resource Standard Used

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#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

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

## **Qualifying Individuals**

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