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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

November 03, 2026

John Connolly
State Medicaid Director
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment MN-26-0021

Dear John Connolly,

On August 06, 2026, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) MN-26-0021, to allow non-IV-E foster care children under age 21 who were placed by other states in a Minnesota family foster home access to Minnesota Medicaid.

We approve Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) MN-26-0021 with an effective date of July 01, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Kareena Collins at 404-562-7305 or kareena.collins@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Megan K. Buck

Director, Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Minnesota
Medicaid Agency Name: Department of Human Services

Submission Component

- (•) State Plan Amendment
- (•) Medicaid
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives This amendment allows non IV-E foster care children under age 21 who were placed by other states in a Minnesota family foster home access to Minnesota Medicaid.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

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

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 Code of Federal Regulations 435.403

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

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State Residency

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☑ The state provides Medicaid to otherwise eligible residents of the state, including residents who are absent from the state under certain conditions.

A. Mandatory Residency Requirements

The state considers individuals under the following conditions to be residents of the state:

1. Non-institutionalized individuals age 21 and over, or under age 21, capable of indicating intent and who are emancipated or married, if the individual is living in the state and:

   a. Intends to reside in the state, including without a fixed address, or

   b. Entered the state with a job commitment or seeking employment, whether or not currently employed.

2. Individuals age 21 and over, not living in an institution, who are not capable of indicating intent, are residents of the state in which they live.

3. Non-institutionalized individuals under 21 who are not emancipated or married and who are not receiving payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act:

   a. Residing in the state, with or without a fixed address, or

   b. The state of residency of the parent or caretaker, in accordance with 42 CFR. 435.403(h)(1), with whom the individual resides.

4. Individuals living in institutions, as defined in 42 CFR 435.1010, including foster care homes, who became incapable of indicating intent before age 21 and individuals under age 21 living in institutions who are not emancipated or married:

   a. Regardless of in which state the individual resides, if the parent or guardian applying for Medicaid on the individual's behalf resides in the state, or

   b. Regardless of in which state the individual resides, if the parent or guardian resides in the state at the time of the individual's placement, or

   c. If the individual applying for Medicaid on the individual's behalf resides in the state and the parental rights of the institutionalized individual's parent(s) were terminated and no guardian has been appointed and the individual is institutionalized in the state.

5. Individuals living in institutions who became incapable of indicating intent at or after age 21, if physically present in the state, unless another state made the placement.

6. Individuals who have been placed in an out-of-state institution, including foster care homes, by an agency of the state.

7. Any other institutionalized individual age 21 or over when living in the state with the intent to reside there, and not placed in the institution by another state.

8. Individuals receiving IV-E payments living in the state, or

9. Individuals who otherwise meet the requirements of 42 CFR 435.403.

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B. Interstate Agreements

Individuals are considered to be residents of the state if they meet the criteria specified in an interstate agreement.

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

1. The state participates in the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA)

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

2. The state has other interstate agreements.

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

The state has interstate agreements with the following other states:

Interstate Agreement Name	Applicable States
Children	1. Alaska 2. Alabama 3. Arkansas 4. Arizona 5. California 6. Colorado 7. Connecticut 8. District of Columbia 9. Delaware 10. Florida 11. Georgia 12. Hawaii 13. Iowa 14. Idaho 15. Illinois 16. Indiana 17. Kansas 18. Kentucky 19. Louisiana 20. Massachusetts 21. Maryland 22. Maine 23. Michigan 24. Minnesota 25. Missouri 26. Mississippi 27. Montana 28. North Carolina 29. North Dakota 30. Nebraska 31. New Hampshire 32. New Jersey 33. New Mexico 34. Nevada 35. New York 36. Ohio 37. Oklahoma 38. Oregon 39. Pennsylvania 40. Rhode Island 41. South Carolina 42. South Dakota 43. Tennessee 44. Texas 45. Utah

46. Virginia
47. Vermont
48. Washington
49. Wisconsin
50. West Virginia
51. Wyoming

The interstate agreement contains a procedure for providing Medicaid to individuals pending resolution of their residency status and criteria for resolving disputed residency of individuals who:

- [x] a. Are IV-E eligible, and are subject to an interstate agreement that differs from ICAMA

Description: Wyoming, under COBRA reciprocity

- [ ] b. Are living in an institution
- [ ] c. Retain addresses in both states
- [x] d. Other

Name	Description
IV-E eligible	The check box above for IV-E eligibles applies to IV-E adoption assistance eligible children and Minnesota's participation in the Interstate Compact for Adoption and Medical Assistance. (ICAMA)
Resident of a nursing home facility	A resident of Minnesota or North Dakota, entering a nursing facility in the other state, remains a resident of home state for 24 months and thereafter so long as state government has not assumed responsibility for the care.
COBRA option	Minnesota has state-funded adoption assistance agreements and participates in the Interstate Compact for Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA)for state-funded agreements. Minnesota provides provides reciprocity to all states without regard to ICAMA participation.

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C. Students from Other States

The state has a policy related to individuals in the state only to attend school.

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

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D. Temporary Absence from the State

☑ The state considers individuals who are state residents and who are temporarily absent from the state, to be state residents if the person intends to return when the purpose of the absence has been accomplished, unless another state has determined that the individual is a resident there for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, in accordance with 435.403(j)(3).

The state has an additional definition of temporary absence, including treatment of individuals who attend school in another state.

◉ Yes

○ No

Description of the definition:

People are temporarily absent from Minnesota if they have left the state for a temporary purpose and intend to return when the reason for the temporary absence ends. Reasons for the temporary absence include but are not limited to:

School attendance or training; employment; illness or hospitalization; vacation; Job search; military service; working in another state; natural disaster or catastrophe; personal or family emergency; visits with a non-custodial parent or other relatives.

The time limit for the temporary absence depends on the reason for the absence, with no fixed time limits.

For school attendance or training to be considered a temporary absence, the student must have an intent to return, evidenced by factors such as maintaining a home in Minnesota, having a home maintained in the state by a parent or relative caretaker, and/or the student returning home during vacations and school breaks.

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E. Additional Information (optional)

Non-IV-E Eligible Foster Care: Minnesota state law provides for state residence for children placed by another state in a Minnesota family foster home that is not IV-E eligible, regardless of the state making the placement.

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