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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

May 17, 2024

Sarah Aker
Director
North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services
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Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment ND-24-0007

Dear Director Aker,

On March 25, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received North Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) ND-24-0007, in which the state proposed to increase the income standard for its Optional Targeted Low-Income Children eligibility group.

We approve North Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) ND-24-0007 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tyson Christensen at tyson.christensen@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: North Dakota

Medicaid Agency Name: North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

Submission Component

- State Plan Amendment
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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives This State Plan Amendment increases the income standard for targeted low-income children to 200% FPL, which is an effective 205% FPL when including the 5% of FPL-equivalent MAGI disregard.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$1443845
Second	2025	\$1868514

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.229

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 Authority to prepare and submit Medicaid State Plans is provided to the Medicaid single state agency.

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
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"/>	APPROVED
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 ?
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"/>	APPROVED
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 ?
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

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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

Optional Targeted Low Income Children

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Uninsured children who meet the definition of optional targeted low income children at 42 C.F.R. §435.4, who have household income at or below a standard established by the state.

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The state covers the optional targeted low income children group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Are under age 19, or a lower age, as specified in C.
2. Are uninsured and otherwise meet the definition of optional targeted low-income child at 42 CFR 435.4 and section 1905(u)(2)(B) of the Act.
3. Have household income at or below the standard established by the state, if the state has an income standard.
4. Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan.

B. Financial Methodologies

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

C. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all children under a specified age under this eligibility group.

- Yes
- No

The age of children covered under this eligibility group is:

- a. Under age 19
- b. Under age 18
- c. Under other age

D. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this eligibility group is:

FPL 200.00%

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E. Basis for Income Standard

1. Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard for this eligibility group is a standard greater than the lowest income standard currently used for children of this age under the mandatory Infants and Children under Age 19 eligibility group.

2. Maximum income standard

a. The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standard(s) for this eligibility group to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for this classification of children under this eligibility group.

b. The state's maximum income standard for this eligibility group is:

- i. The state's effective income level for this eligibility group under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under the CHIP state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- iii. The state's effective income level for this eligibility group under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- iv. The state's effective income level for this group of children under the CHIP state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- v. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- vi. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a CHIP-1115 demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- vii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a Medicaid 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- viii. The state's effective income level for this group of children under a CHIP 1115 demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL.
- ix. 200% FPL
- x. A percentage of the FPL which may exceed the Medicaid Applicable Income Level, defined in section 2110(b)(4), but by no more than 50 percentage points.

c. The amount of the maximum income standard is:

FPL 200.00%

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